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The Leader Kim Jong Il commanding the sunrise from the Peak of Piro, noted Mt. Kumgang, Korea

The Leader Kim Jong Il inspecting the Unit of KPA

The Leader Kim Jong Il giving field guidence to the Anbyon Youth Hydropower Station

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Preface

I have written as follows in my book "*Songun Internationale*" volume 1:

As the time flows, many go out of existence and come into being. However, truth never dies. It is timeless.

Global independence! This is our goal we have to take by any means.

The Commune of Paris was short-lived only for 72 days, yet Eugene Pottier's *Internationale still* survives with great force.

The solemn melody of the song the warriors of the Commune could not finish to sing now reverberates with the song of Songun.

I dare to call this song the *Songun Internationale.* Warriors of the Commune, rise and hear the song of Songun inspiring the global independence!

Our *Songun Internationale* will resound throughout the world forever with all the greater force as a march for the global independence."

Our heart throbs strongly as we see in mind the vigorous advance of the mankind towards the global independence to the march of the *Songun Internationale.*

We feel great swell as we see in mind the blessed world full of happiness and peace free from the imperialists' domination and invasion and exploitation and plunder, which would come after our energetic struggle to the march of the *Songun Internationale.*

We have to brace ourselves up furthermore to bring about such a brilliant world, the ideal of mankind and make strenuous efforts and strive.

Incomparable is the experience, happiness and pride when something was done in the struggle for the mankind and the social progress.

I have made a deep study about the Songun politics of Korea for more than a decade. I still contemplate and strive, as I have done in the past, in order to fan up the ardor of Songun worldwide.

I have organized the international Songun forum as an important part of the work and written, though busy, to publish the books relating the Songun politics.

Everyday I felt keenly that it was very important to bring the people to correctly understand as to how the Songun politics came into being, why the DPRK had to take the politics and how correct its choice was in the present complicated and acute political situation.

It is because many in this planet have a mistaken view about it.

In my view the main culprit is the Western distortion.

When the broad working masses of people have a correct understanding about it and its justness and vitality, they would feel sympathy towards the Songun idea of Korea and rise up with vigor for the global independence, relying on it.

A blind follower is a transient traveler.

An act void of an idea and a man without confidence

cannot serve the purpose.

Today's world demand ardent followers and active fighters more awakened and more steadfast ideologically.

With the images of such men in my mind's eye I wrote this book.

In addition, I tried to implant in every word my earnest hope that the readers become Songun fighters who live down the generations to come.

It is a hope against hope for the readers to make themselves fighters after reading one or two books. But, all depends on their way of thinking.

Let us make the song of *Songun Internationale* echo throughout this planet! This is what I want to say to the readers.

I make an acknowledgment for the great help to my writing this book to the officials of the Korean Committee for Cultural Relations with Foreign Countries.

At the same time, I express my gratitude to Mr. Odaid Jaigirdar, the honorable counselor general of the Republic of Cuba Embassy in Bangladesh, for his great contribution to pushing forward the worldwide solidarity and Songun study in Bangladesh.

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1. Choice of Korea

As I have already mentioned, I have already made many visits to the DPRK (Below I would call it Korea). The last one was made in September 2013 with the Bangladeshi Songun Politics Study Group (The time was coincided with the splendid celebration of the 65th anniversary of the national day in Korea.)

I think it a great fortune and proud that I have visited her many times.

The reason may be explained in many other respects, but the most important is the fact that I got to know about the great idea and politics, the Songun idea and had opportunities for me to see with my own eyes how it was practiced in Korea and what was achieved.

Frankly I made myself a follower of the Songun politics to the core in those days. Rather I feel proud of it.

While studying the Songun politics, I had a firm belief that it was the most justifiable and powerful weapon for the humanity to safeguard the independence, peace and justice.

I would like to explain in this chapter about why Korea chose the way of Songun and what a just and reasonable choice it was.

To live in an independent and honorable way

The last decade of the 20th century 1990s was full of

vicissitudes in the political situation of the world. In a word, it was a time when the world politics was so entangled and the reactionary forces gaining ground.

Red flags were pulled down one after another in many countries.

In fact, I am not exaggerating that the ideal of socialism was being held fast to in Korea alone.

Availing themselves of this opportunity, the imperialists went to the extreme to isolate and suffocate Korea. Amidst an unprecedented build-up of the US and its allied forces' political and military pressure and economic blockade a too sorrowful loss and misfortune fell on the Korean Party and people.

Respected President Kim Il Sung, father of the nation never been in the five thousand years-old history of Korea, passed away suddenly.

He was a great revolutionary, outstanding leader, peerless patriot, talented military strategist and benevolent father of the people who embarked to the revolution already in his teens and devoted his all to the freedom and liberation of the Korean people.

His great idea and wise leadership brought the Korean people off the shackle of the colonial slavery forced by the Japanese imperialists and made them an invincible people who won the war started by the US imperialists, too.

He dedicated his lifetime to the welfare of the people.

The Korean people paid their last respects to this father

of the nation in tears of blood.

Coupled with this, they were subjected to an unimaginable ordeal caused by the tremendous natural calamities many years on.

The adversity that befell to them was unprecedented. It had such a great force that would vanquish a nation ten times more.

At this time leader Kim Jong Il, the only successor of President Kim Il Sung developed the idea of attaching importance to arms, that is, military affairs the President held fast to, to enforce the original Songun politics.

Why was it that Korea chose the way of Songun?

I became well aware of this and could have a good sympathy to it, while reading the classical works personally written by leader Kim Jong Il, hearing from the officials of the Social Scientists Society of Korea and the Korean Committee for Cultural Relations with Foreign Countries, witnessing what are happening in Korea and studying the information on the home pages of Korea.

The Korean people were faced with a very serious and acute challenge whether they secure independence or be reduced to colonial slavery.

A nation lost of independence cannot evade the lot of colonial slavery, because it is vital in the struggle in carving out the destiny of the nation to defend the independence.

The United States, taking advantage of the external circumstances characteristic of the ensuing collapse of

the socialist systems in the former USSR and other East European countries at the close of 1980s and the beginning of 1990s and the national mourning of the Korean people, resorted to every conceivable means to kill the Korean-style socialism.

The US directed its brunt of attack to Korea because it saw her as a great danger.

The collapse of the former USSR and other East European socialist countries turned the former cold-war framework between the USSR and the US into a sharp confrontation between Korea and the US.

The Berlin wall, a symbol of the East-West cold war, was removed in November 1989. Then socialism collapsed one after another in the East European countries followed by the USSR, a gigantic state.

The US, pretending itself the “only superpower”, came forward with its major strategic goal on establishing the US-led new world order.

Still I see vividly in my mind's eye the look of US President Bush (the senior) as proud as a turkey in January 1991 and the State of Union message to the Congress is still lingering in my ears.

…A longed-for opportunity of setting up a new world order arrived after all. … I will establish a world order free from the danger of the cold war and thriving with market and democracy. …

Then, what was the “new world order” he talked his mouth off.

He meant a world prevailed by the capitalist market economy and US-styled democracy, in other word, a world where there is no socialism in the planet and they lord it over unhampered.

They regarded Korea as a major barrier in setting up the US-led unipolar world. It was because Korea was the "only strong socialist bastion in the world" giving a tough challenge in the face.

It was a recognized fact.

A senior researcher of the foreign affairs school of the Georgetown University commented that north Korea is a military entity capable of challenging the US most strongly today in the world. The socialist entity in north Korea is the most dangerous being capable of making a breach in the international order initiated by the United States in the new century.

Another proof of it is the *Voice of America.*

Saying that only north Korea dictates and challenges the US in the world, it openly reported at the time that north Korea alone in fact dared the US to its face with a threat during the survival of the communist movement in 1960s and 70s, too, and is trying to down the US at present also when everybody hesitates dare to comment the US.

Certainly Korea was the staunchest against the US high-handedness, interventions and invasions after the end of the cold war, Korea drastically different in the size of the territory or population.

Another reason why the US focused its thrust to Korea lay in the fact that Korea was being turned into the bastion of world socialism and the centre of the movement for the reconstruction of socialism.

The shock of the successive collapse of the East European socialist countries and the helpless crumbling of the USSR called a “superpower” overnight made the world communists and progressive people direct their attention to Korea.

It was because the socialist system in Korea was superior and most powerful, which ensures the independence of the popular masses satisfactorily.

Then, one would ask: Does socialism vary with a country?

Many may well ask so since they had thought in the past that socialism was going in the same way in any socialist country.

The same is true of the case with me.

However, the actual developments proved that the behavior of socialism was not the same with the countries building socialism.

The collapse of socialism in the former USSR and other East European countries implied that it was not the failure of the socialism which embodied the natural requirements of a man in the true sense of the word, but the bankruptcy of the opportunism which degenerated socialism.

Significant was the announcement of the “Pyongyang Declaration” which clarified the truthfulness of the world

socialist movement and the way for the reconstruction of socialism on April 20, 1992.

The declaration obtained signatures of 150 communist and workers' parties and those aspiring after socialism till the end of the year of announcement and 289 political parties till the 12th of April 2012. The number is now on the increase.

Is it not an eloquent proof that the centre of the world socialist movement moved to Korea since the collapse of the former USSR?

Even the Western politicians, commenting that after the announcement of the “Pyongyang Declaration” the world socialist forces were being reorganized and the movement for the reconstruction of socialism getting vitality, said that Korea was performing the role of the “Third International”.

It is not fortuitous that the US media, saying that today the transfer of the HQ of the Third International to Pyongyang was not an overstatement, reported that it was because leader Kim Jong Il, Kimilsungist most thorough in communist ideas, was still going strong and his political force capable of influencing the world on the active list.

Another reason why the US focuses its spearhead of attack to Korea lies in the fact that the geographical importance of the Korean peninsula grew more salient in the new century.

The twenty first century has been widely recognized as

the Asia-Pacific century. Accordingly, the focal point of the US strategy for the world hegemony was directed to the Asia-Pacific region after the end of the cold war.

This region has an abundance of natural resources, great population and broad market and most rapid in the tempo of the economic growth.

Spread the map and go to the Korean peninsula.

The Korean peninsula is contiguous to the Eurasia landward and its seas adjoin the Pacific Ocean. Therefore, it is a gateway for the maritime forces to enter the continent and for the continental forces to make inroads into the seas.

A Far Eastern security specialist of the Heritage foundation pointed out that the point in the external policy of the United States in the 21st century would be towards Asia and the focus of it go to the Korean peninsula.

The gist of the US strategy is to sit upon the Korean peninsula, a traffic junction, to cut off the route of the continental forces and rule supreme the Northeastern Asia.

It was not until the 21st century that the US had this ambition. The centuries-old ambition grew more blatant in the present century.

If it were to keep the Northeastern Asia and further the Asia-Pacific region under its control, it had to bring the whole of Korea (The southern part of Korea has already been put under its control in 1945) into its sphere of influence. With this ambition the US was so feverish to get

rid of socialism in Korea relying on the south Korean base of aggression and this fever is still growing higher.

The Korean people and army, determined to disallow another colonial slavery, chose the Songun politics, a mode of politics which guides them to live independently with their head held high.

October 20, 1994 the world was surprised at the sensational news that President Clinton sent to leader Kim Jong Il a letter of guarantee on the Korea-US agreed framework.

This was a victory won by the Songun politics of leader Kim Jong Il and one in the political diplomacy achieved by his unusual intelligence, wisdom and leadership ability.

The letter of guarantee by a superpower President to the leader of other country was rare to be seen in the history of the United States, while it was an epochal event unprecedented in the history of Korea.

The Armistice Agreement, a surrender documents Korea secured from the United States at the end of the Korean war in 1950s, had been signed by Clark, the then "UN commander".

However, the letter of the guarantee was signed by Clinton, the pretentious President of the United States.

The United States brought an aircraft carrier fleet to the vicinity of the Korean peninsula to threaten Korea militarily during the Korea-US talks in order to steer the talks as they intended.

However, after all have been said and done, they

gave in.

How just was the choice of Songun made by Korea led by leader Kim Jong Il in order to lead an independent and honorable life!

To face the high US pressure

Historically men set up their own state and lived in a unit of its territorial boundary to hew their own destiny. One of the oldest social groups born at the same time with this political entity called a state is the army.

The army and the state came into being at the same time.

To trace the history, Kojoson (old name of Korea), a slave state, set up in early B.C.3000 had a permanent armed force and the Roman and Greek city states set up in B.C. 8th century had infantry corps.

The historical coexistence of the army and the state may be attributable to the necessity of the state not only for its interests and security, but also its own existence.

Korea chose the way of Songun to cope up with the ever more intense and open military pressure of the United States. The US increased military acts more frantically to avail itself of the opportunity in infringing their sovereignty when the Korean people were in great misfortune for the death of President Kim Il Sung.

The Korean people have enjoyed such a genuine happy life that no nation in the world had ever experienced in a people-centered socialist society led by great

President Kim Il Sung, sun of the nation, for the first time in their thousands-years old history. However, a great misfortune befell to them, the sudden death of the President on July the 8th of 1994.

The memory of the sorrowful looks of the Korean people writhing in agony of the greatest loss broadcast in the TV still haunt my eyes with vividness of real life.

The death of President Kim Il Sung meant for them the loss of their founder-father of socialist Korea, the savior of the nation.

For them it was a sorrow as great as losing a whole of their life and a wound of heart never to mend.

Those who try to abuse such a misfortune and anguish are truly sordid and vicious. The US and its allies belong to the sort.

Dreaming to swallow up the whole of Korea, they regarded the Korean-style socialism as a thorn in their eye. Making the great loss the best chance, they built up the offensive for the isolation and stifling. The offensive included all the fields, political, economic and cultural with the main stress on the intensive military pressure.

After the cold war the United States gave the first consideration to the use of the military forces in bringing into reality the policy of stifling Korea. Accordingly, they moved their invading forces from Europe to deploy them round the Korean peninsula and its vicinity and changed the goal of their nuclear weapons from the former USSR to Korea.

With the aim of updating the armament of the US troops in south Korea they shipped in twenty multi-purposed high-speed mobile cars in February and March 1995 and after that pushed hard the plan of increasing the number to 500. In addition, they brought in south Korea 150 “Abrams” tanks in May and 24 attack helicopters “Apache” and “patriot” missiles in the latter half of that year.

While modernizing the aggressive forces, the United States extremely aggravated the situation of the Korean peninsula through various war games.

Even on July 19 the mourning day when the Korean people was holding the ceremony of bidding the last farewell to President Kim Il Sung they had an aircraft of the Pacific fleet to make sorties to launch provocative “airstrike exercises”over south Korea, their operational stage.

They also combined the war games “Ulji” and “Focus Lenz”, which they had been holding so far separately, in 1994 into the “Ulji Focus lens”for northward invasion. There they not only enlisted their troops in south Korea and the south Korean forces, but also assigned their 7th fleet to the US-south Korea combined forces command operationally, which would take the part of “support” force, attached to the Pacific command previously.

In 1996 alone they carried out various provocative and stimulative war exercises in succession in south Korea such as “Foal Eagle”, “Ulji Focus Lenz”, “Hoguk 96”,

"RSO", "Hwarang" and "Freedom Banner".

The war games of this sort continued in the 21st century too. In 2014 the US troops and the south Korean army staged a large-sized joint landing exercise "Ssangryong" from March 27 to April 7. The US advocated it as an exercise of defensive character or defenses against provocations, but on the contrary it clearly manifested an offensive feature for threatening Korea. In other words, it was an aggressive war exercise for achieving the aim of northward invasion with a surprise preemptive attack.

Enlisted in the "Ssangryong" exercise, a part of the practical manoeuvre "Foal Eagle", were a large force of 12,500 in all, 9,500 from the US forces and 3,000 from south Korean forces. It was the largest ever after 20 years since the "Team Spirit" joint war games which had been continued till 1993.

Meanwhile, they continued shuttle flights with "U-2"high-altitude reconnoiter, "RC-135"strategic reconnoiter, "E-3"early warning aircraft, "P-3"patrol plane over the Military Demarcation Line to spy out north Korea.

The number of these scouting acts in 1995 alone amounted to 2,650, a practice to be seen only on the eve of a war. This is a manifestation of how far the desperation of the US and their minions went.

The Korean people stood at the crossroad, whether to face a showdown with the US or yield to it.

The Songun politics of Korea came into being as the most resolute anti-imperialist mode of politics for

frustrating above-mentioned intense military threat of the US.

Great leader Kim Jong Il determinedly chose the way of the Songun politics.

The way of the Songun politics was an untrodden thorny path never been in the world history of politics.

However, he had a firm conviction that this was the only way Korea, minor in territory or population, could come out on top over the high military pressure of the imperialists' allied forces.

Their acts of stifling Korea were not confined only to the military pressure. Their ideological and cultural infiltration was also violent.

The United States has made the ideological and cultural infiltration to the socialist countries one of important means in their strategy of world supremacy and that is so still now.

Historically the United States has practiced its dominationist maneuver largely in two ways: one is to invade the other countries by military forces and the other to disorganize them by the way of ideological and cultural infiltration.

They attempted to undermine the Korean-style socialism by way of crafty internal disintegration operation as they have disintegrated the former USSR and the East European socialist countries through ideological and cultural infiltration without a shot of fire.

The CIA always took the lead in these operations.

The CIA psychological experts, asserting that ten apostles can fulfill what a hundred fighter–bombers were unable to do, based their remarks on the easy collapse of the socialist countries by way of money and the wind of capitalism, which survived military attacks.

In fact, what was the reason why the former USSR boasting of the powerful had been ruined so easily?

It was not because their military forces had been weak, but because it was fully disarmed ideologically under the influence of the US ideological and cultural infiltration.

Legan and Bush (the senior) who had a relish in the effectiveness of the ideological and cultural infiltration tenaciously advised Clinton to steer Korea to the “reform” and “opening”. Clinton approved it.

While visiting south Korea in 1994 the then US CIA chief said that since the confrontation with the north was a brain war, priority had to be given to the intelligence. Then he gave an order to build up the northward intelligence team and enlisted even Israeli Mossad, supplying one billion dollars for this project.

It was badly needed to employ a powerful mode of politics for consolidating the socialist ideological base if they were to foil the dogged scheme of ideological disintegration of the United States and its stooges.

Therefore, Korea exercised a mode of politics in which the Korean People's Army, the strong of the ideas and faith, was placed at the head as the main force and pillar of revolution.

The Songun politics of Korea is one of putting stress on military, but not a usual military, but a military fortified with ideological and spiritual power.

Relying on this Songun politics, Korea could bring up an army powerful in ideas and faith and trained all the people to be fighters with strong anti-imperialist spirit so that all the army and people could fulfill successfully their mission and duty as an independent people and independent guards.

To overcome the economic difficulties created

The Korean people chose the way of Songun in order to tide over the prevailing economic difficulties and push ahead the socialist construction.

The Korean economy was faced with great difficulties after the collapse of the socialist market and through the tenacious economic blockade of the US-led allied forces.

Korea had been mostly relying on the socialist market in her foreign trade.

With the collapse of the former USSR and other socialist countries the socialist market was also disrupted. Korea lost the outlets of their products and inlets of necessary materials. In particular, the sources were cut of the most needed oil, cokes and other materials. After all, her economic development was faced with a great trial.

The US took this opportunity to cut off the monetary

relations, post and tele-communication with this country and froze all the Korean funds in its own banks with a scheme of an all-round blockade to stifle Korea economically.

At the same time, it put pressure on many countries which had trades with Korea to cut off their trade and economic relations with this country.

In addition, it put in action all sorts of economic blockade laws including Wassenaar Arrangement (the later self of the COCOM) to tighten the blockade.

The economic situation had aggravated as the days went by and the people had to have a hard time of it.

Natural calamities fell on this one after another. Heavy rain, long spell of drought, typhoon and tidal waves alternated every year bringing unimaginable harms.

Follow some of information known to the world:

The cold-weather damage in the spring of 1994 followed by rare heavy rain in summer caused great loss in agriculture and many other fields of the economy. Dykes were destroyed and a great deal of cultivated land was inundated in the heavy rain.

In the wake of this a heavy rain accompanied by a typhoon hit the western region of Korea (the main rice-producing district) causing greater damage.

This heavy rain and typhoon of 1994 inundated or buried 33,700 ha. of paddy fields and 228,170 ha. of corn fields and caused the loss of 720,000 tons of grain harvest. In addition, many buildings, machinery and

equipment were destroyed and more than 50 ships damaged or sunk to make considerable property damage.

The case was the same in 1995, too.

A Western reporter wrote after covering the damaged areas:

The Jaryong Plain (a granary) turned into a sea, where only rotten rice even unedible for the cattle was seen, the bridge on concrete piers half washed away and primary schools and other buildings gone no one knows where. Poplars were upturned by the roots to lie on the ground. It was a ruin in the true sense of the word. The districts that had certainly been crowded with a great number of private houses and facilities were scattered with fallen concrete pillars and bricks and broken blocks. The protruding skeletons of steel added the ghastliness to the disastrous scene….

The extent of damage in that year was reported to amount to billions of *won (Korean Currency).*

What about in 1996?

The agricultural sector alone had the loss of 570,400 tons of rice and 421,000 tons of corn, the total damage in money being 548,000,000 *won.*

In 1997 the severe dry weather, typhoon and tidal waves brought a total crop failure in 106,700 ha. of farming land in the areas of the western coast of Korea. In addition, the dwelling houses of over 10,000 households, public buildings, 390 ha. of coastal farm, 5 600 ha. of

salterns were damaged, 120,000 tons of salt produced washed away and a great deal of machines, equipment, material and living stock lost.

The greatest damage in the natural calamity in the world is caused by flood. The statistics says that 75% of the death toll and 40% of material loss in the natural calamities worldwide were brought about by flood.

Mankind is reported to register US$ 30-40 billions of loss by flood.

Flood is frequent in my country Bangladesh. The one in 1944 inundated the capital city Dhaka and half of the territorial land in water and the next year's crop failure starved three million to death. The one in May 1991 a third of the land was plunged in water and 30 million lost their dwellings. The cyclone and storm killed 140,000 and the total loss numbered US$ 30 billions.

A witness of our damage, I can fully guess the extent of the distress in Korea at the time.

The disasters continued many years. Imagine how great the consequences would have been.

The most tormenting of the Korean people was the shortage of food.

They were said to find it hard to go with thin gruel. So many of them substituted the food with grass roots and barks. And many died of starvation.

They say that this sort of starvation was very rare in Korea's history.

The economy rapidly declined due to the shortage of

fuel, raw material and power. They could not produce primary consumer goods. (In Korea the state had long been putting primary attention to the consumer goods production to supply to the people or sell them in cheep price.)

Leader Kim Jong Il was said would often recollect that it was very hard and agonizing in the face of such a trying ordeal and difficulties, but a revolutionary must always be on his guard against the feeble-mindedness and brace himself up, which made him to determine to take the Songun politics.

The Songun politics of Korea which turn adversity into prosperity and misfortune into blessing came into being by his clairvoyant wisdom and scientific insight as a wise politics of killing many birds with one stone, that is, a universal remedy of making the army a pillar of the revolution to save the country, strengthen the Party and settle the problems of the economy.

A noted European Korea specialist commented:

"Three wonders have been made in Korea from the mid-1990s till today.

Firstly, the DPRK which would have almost disappeared in the international political arena rose up as a state representing socialism in the true sense of the word.

Secondly, the Korean people rose up from the dead and are going forward to build a thriving nation.

Thirdly, the United States and Western countries bent

on killing Korea offered their hands of reconciliation."

Songun is the life, power and dignity of Korea.

Great leader Kim Jong Il achieved great victory of Korea relying on the might of Songun.

Indeed, the Songun politics is a powerful mode of politics. It is a treasured sword capable of solving the defense of the country, economic revitalization and people's livelihood.

If the leaders of other countries were in the same conditions and circumstances as in Korea, how would they face it? And the result?

Now looking at Korea, the land of Juche and Songun, I feel great admiration to it.

With an aim of defending and advancing cause of socialism

Socialism has a long history, but marked by ups and downs.

The preface of the *Communist Menifesto* published by Marx and Engels in 1848 noted that since the communism came into being the force to suppress it appeared. This is a proof that since the birth of the socialist doctrine, socialism has been regarded as a ghost by the Bourgeoisie and capitalist countries and subject to their horror and suppression.

Mankind has long fancied about an ideal socialist society freed from all sorts of exploitation and oppression.

Thomas More in his book *Utopia* in 1516 described about an ideal society contrasting to the then European society. In his *Utopia* built in an island people live like a family with no private ownership, in which all work and had no gap between the rich and the poor.

The book *City of the Sun* by Camparella of Italia in the 17th century also described about the wish of the people who desired to work and live equally well.

In fact, it was a beginning of the Utopian socialism.

Socialism developed from a Utopian idea to a science by Marx and Engels, the first leaders of the working class and later turned into a reality by Lenin with the birth of the first socialist state. The USSR was a creation born of the heroic struggle of the working class and people. Having set up the Soviet power for the workers and peasants and liquidated the exploitation man by man for the first time in the planet, it was a Shangri-la for the mankind aspiring after socialism and social progress.

After the World War Two socialism overpowered capitalism and developed to a worldwide system. A socialist system was established in Korea and other countries. The socialist countries made a great social and economic progress in a short span of time that capitalism could not achieve for hundreds of years.

The fact showed that the socialist ideal is just and socialism incomparably superior to capitalism.

Rodong Sinmun, organ of the Workers' Party of Korea carried a weighty leader under the title” Let Us Defend

Socialist Camp" in October 1963.

"Socialism is today emerging victorious throughout the world. It has already won victory in broad areas of Asia and Europe and triumphed in Cuba, an island country, under the very nose of the US imperialism, the chieftain of the world reactionaries.

The socialist camp has secured a third of the world population, a quarter of the area of the land of the planet and more than 37% of the gross world industrial production. In the development of science and technology the socialist camp goes ahead of the developed capitalist countries. The influence of socialism has remarkably grown among the world people and the increasing number of the people is fighting aspiring after it. In the international arena the socialist force overpowers its capitalist counterpart."

However, the crumbling of the Berlin wall, a symbol of the Cold War between the East and the West, in November 1989 was a sign of the ensuing collapse of socialism in the East European countries.

The imperialists and turncoats of socialism gave a shout of joy.

Bush, the then US President, advocating a "new world doctrine", said that today is an era when socialism comes into arms of capitalism.

Then is it true that socialism has "died", as they say?

The Korean people hold that the fall of capitalism and the triumph of socialism are the truth and laws governing

the historical development. I think they are quite right.

Men of the media too commented about this that it is no more than a true capitalism won over a pseudo-socialism.

An editor of the *Mainichi Shimbun* wrote as follows under the title "Eye of *Mainichi* man"

"It is a mistaken view that capitalism won over socialism. In actuality, true capitalism got the better of none other than pseudo-socialism."

After the collapse of the former USSR the pivot of the world socialist movement was shifted to Korea.

At the time many in the world commented that the socialist movement in the 21st century will develop on the model of the Juche-oriented socialism.

A noted Japanese professor held in his treatise "Independent socialism and market socialism" in a symposium of the Korean and Japanese social scientists held in Okinawa, Japan as follows:

"The turns and twists and change in some socialist countries may be said not a collapse of socialism in general, but the collapse of the old socialism. The old socialism has vulnerable points due to the 'material supremacism' (economy-first policy) and growth supremacism. In the 21st century socialism is expected to develop in various ways: the first category is the traditional socialism, the second the market socialism and the third the independent socialism. The DPRK will take the third guided by the Juche idea."

They also view that the frustration of socialism and

restoration of capitalism in the USSR and East European countries is temporal in view of the main stream of the historical development, and I think they are right.

They reason that the frustration of socialism in the above countries was not caused by a genuine intention or common desire of the people, but by the treason of a few socialist turncoats in the leadership.

The renegades of socialism such as Khrusheve and Gorvachov betrayed their people and resorted to the policies of revisionism and “reformism” to compromise with the imperialists and in the long run sold out the socialist base to the enemy.

Clear is the result of the compromise with the imperialists, the enemy.

The past history of the working class clearly shows that they cannot achieve their goal without strong armed forces capable to defend their interests.

It is because the struggle of the working class is accompanied with the acute struggle with the forces representing the interests of the exploiter class.

Today it takes the form of the endeavor for the development of socialism and the sharp confrontation with imperialism which attempts to get rid of it. It is a lawful phenomenon.

The history has no record that the exploiting class conceded its own power and goal of itself.

There is no other way to continue to strengthen its own armed forces to check their desperate resistance for

maintaining their hold.

Leader Kim Jong Il noted that the power can be won by the arms. A really good maxim.

The socialist power established through the staunch struggle of the people's masses too can be defended by the arms.

It is because socialist and imperialist forces are incompatible antagonistic ones and the remnant forces of the exploiting class resort to incessant maneuvers against the socialist power in collusion with the imperialist forces.

To take an example of Chile in Latin America, Allende formed the People's United Coalition, an allied front of the leftist political parties with his Socialist Party at the centre with a firm resolution to build a new society governed by the people in Chile which has once been called the “quiet backyard” of the United States to run for the presidential election. On September the 4th 1970 he defeated the candidates from the rightist political parties and won the election.

This was a great event in the history of Chile.

As soon as he took office, he launched the agrarian reform to distribute to the peasants 3,500,000 ha owned by the landlords, and abolished the large plantation system. Then he nationalized the copper mines owned by the US monopolies, key industries, banks, mines and communications. He also proclaimed the territorial waters to 200 miles and made a courageous political decision of

breaking from the “UN Korea Unification and Rehabilitation Commission”.

These radical measures taken by Allende soon attracted great support and welcome of the broad public.

Taken aback at this, the US outcried that the “second Cuba” appeared in Latin America and employed all sorts of maneuvers to destroy the Allende government.

Le Monde surprised the world with a report: President Nixon angered at the news of Marxist Allende's winning of the office summoned the US ambassador Cori and bawled striking the table to get rid of the dunce (Allende). He ordered to appropriate US$ 10 million a special fund for this and let them to ship machine-guns and other weapons worth US$50 million by diplomatic pouches into Chile. This special operation had a code name “Condor”.

The above is a simple proof of how desperate was the US to remove the Allende government.

Meanwhile, Allende gave himself up entirely on social and economic reforms alone asserting the “peaceful transition strategy” and failed to attend to the job of seizing the military and police. He was satisfied at the best with having ties with some units in the army.

The anti-government forces in glove with the US brought the pressure to bear upon the government to railroad the law on the control of arms and confiscated all the weapons possessed by the organs under all the parties attached to the People's United Coalition.

After all, the Allende government was completely

disarmed.

At long last came the fatal day on September 11, 1973.

The United States which hated the Chilean revolution as a thorn in the flesh egged on Pinochet, pro-US army commander to coup d'etat to overthrow the Allende government.

Le Monde (dated September 7, 1998) wrote: President Allende along with a few of his devotees fought a bloody fight for six and a half hours. After departing his aides at the last hour, he fought alone to kill himself.

As seen above, the law by which the socialist cause has to be started with arms and advances by means of arms demands to make the strengthening of the armed forces defending the interests of its own class a prerequisite crucial for its life and death.

Then, what has to be done?

The good model of Korea will be the answer. Korea built up the KPA into a powerful armed force sharing its destiny with the socialist system the Korean people chose, and depending upon it, defended and promoted the socialist cause.

The destiny of the revolutionary armed forces and socialism is inseparable. A revolutionary army cannot exist apart from socialism and socialism cannot expect any advance as well as survival apart from the revolutionary armed forces.

Accordingly, the WPK armed the KPA thoroughly with the socialist ideas. It is because the KPA can neither hold

fast to its own revolutionary character nor defend socialism.

If an army denies the idea and political principles of its own class, it is equal to disarm itself.

The former USSR was too much neglected this point. Nay, it deliberately ruled it out.

Dmitri Yazov, the former USSR Defense Minister and Marshal, wrote in his writing the "Supreme Commander Kim Jong Il and Invincible Army":

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Though the USSR had been an economic and military power in the material aspect, it fell all of a sudden. The Red Army boasting of three million forces and world-first modern armaments could not defend the party and socialism, but also maintain its existence not in a war, but in a peace time. Since the military masses, the motive force of the armed forces, were contaminated with the individual selfishness, liberalism, war-weariness and religion, the army ranks were broken up to an impotent being lost of its own unique mission and the enormous armaments reduced to scraps devoid of any substance.

What was the reason? It was because the armed ranks did not have a competent successor of the army-building cause and were disorganized, knocked down in the information-ideological war with the West."

The former USSR had militarily possessed of the power that could overwhelm the imperialists and been in a position of a socialist military power. The military had done

a service to the country and people in good faith for seven decades and made great contributions in the history.

In 1985 the total forces of the Red Army had run up to 5.05 million. In 1983 the strategic nuclear weapons capable of striking the US amounted to 8,000 and the capacity of ships, aircraft, tanks and gun power was placed above the US. The US military experts admitted that the military power of the USSR went ahead of theirs more than 10-15 years.

Notwithstanding, it lost all its strength and became a mere figurehead. The main reason lied in its negligence of the ideas.

The ideological degeneration began from the time of the rule of Khruchev.

He slighted the political and ideological education of the soldiers and paralyzed their anti-imperialist class consciousness while asserting the “peaceful co-existence” with the imperialists, “peaceful transition” and “peaceful competition”. He said an end had to be put to all the practices “restricting the freedom” of the armymen in the Red Army and they must be given freedom as they enjoyed in the civil society hindering the ideological work of the party and communist league organizations in the army in every way.

The process of the ideological disorganization further came to the fore during Gorbachev's tenure of office.

In March 1985 Gorbachev, a “top rope-walker of career”, rose to the summit of the CPSU and the Soviet

State. Under the signboard of the “reform” asserting to the separation of the politics and the army with an enmity of socialism he saw to it that a decree “On the ratification of the general provisions on the military political organs” was issued before he turned the General Political Bureau of the Red Army into an organ directly attached to the presidential authority to reduce the political organizations to administrative and cultural agencies organizing the entertainments of the armymen and informing the news reports, so as to undermine the socialist and class character of the Red Army. Besides, he dissolved 37,000 Party organizations in the army with the presidential authority.

As the result, the edge of class-awareness and anti-imperialist spirit grew dull among the officers and men of the army, the war-weariness and bourgeois ideology and culture widespread among them to paralyze their revolutionary character and fighting power.

What was the result of the “de-ideologization” and “de-politicization” of the army?

A critical event took place in the former USSR in August 1991. Some progressive figures of the Soviet leadership organized a national emergency committee and made an attempt to get rid of Gorbachov and check the crumbling of the state. They counted to rely on the army for the job.

However, things did not turn in favour of their wish.

That day a loudspeaker told in the Red Square of Kremlin:

“Tankmen, to whom are you leveling your guns? Look, who are facing you? When on earth has the Red Army ever leveled their gun at the people since its birth? However, you soldiers are going to commit crimes before the history and the people! Turn round and level your guns at those oppressing the freedom of the people!”

At the time the commander of the Leningrad military district gave the anti-socialist forces the guarantee that he would not dispatch his unit into the city and the commander of the special unit “Alpha” under the anti-terrorism bureau of the Soviet State Security Commission disobeyed the order to attack the government building of the Russian Federation and arrest Yeltin. The Taman guard motorized infantry division and the 106th guard airborne division which marched into Moscow on orders defected to the renegades of socialism.

After all, the August incident turned out a failure on the third day because the military kept aloof. The August incident organizers who attempted to check the collapse of the USSR were sent to prison on a charge of “coup d'etat”.

November 6 less than three months after the failure of the August incident the CPSU was dissolved and finally the USSR was crumbled on December 25.

The Red Army disarmed ideologically and politically could not check the dismantlement of the USSR and the collapse of socialism in their face.

At the close of the USSR Pravda in an article titled

“Fatherland was given to us only once and it is one to the last day of our life” appealed in earnest: “May you give gratitude for the honour of calling yourselves the sons of the fatherland and for the happiness of serving it in smooth peaceful days or in the times of ordeal. May you share your destiny with it, love it beautifully, cherish the loyalty to it and hold it dear. May you not think ill of it in a hard time of your life, but do good for it as much as you can,” but with no response.

It was a tragic and natural result that was brought about by the “de-ideologization” and “de-politicization” of the army.

Even the VOA commented about this incident to this effect on January 9, 1998: The August 19, 1991 incident was a good proof of what the de-ideologization and neutralization brought to the USSR. The Soviet Army deceived and made a fool by a shrewd agro-technician Gorbachov could not nothing but had to be an absent-minded by-stander of the collapse of their Soviet fatherland. They were staggering with drink even at the last moment of the fall of their country and soon after being taken away the name of the Red Army. They were completely unaware that it was their dying hour. Finally drunken by the poisonous wine of Gorbachov calling to keep neutrality, they brought down the USSR and now were reduced themselves to the lot no different from beggars.

The lesson from the August incident was that the “de-

ideologization" and "de-politicization" of the army was a poison separating the army from socialism.

In Romania too demonstrations took place against the government on December 12, 1989 on the waves of the "reform" and "change".

President Chausescu declared martial law the next day and ordered the defense minister Millea to quell the rebellion.

But, the military turned down the order.

The soldiers dropped down their gun as the foul forces sneaked in the demonstration ranks instigated the public professing themselves to be the "people", shouting "Don't you have parents?" "You live on the bread of the people!" Soon the situation reversed. The President himself was arrested and shot to death and the Party and the socialist government too fell.

In Poland too an anti-socialist riot broke up in 1989, when the army refused to hold it back under the signboard of "neutrality".

The result was as clear as day.

When the army is "de-ideologized" and "de-politicized" it is separated with the socialist system, the community united by the common destiny, and the socialist system is doomed to fall. This is lesson of today's world socialist movement.

That is the reason why the Workers' Party of Korea brought up the KPA into a strong army firm in ideology and confidence and strengthened to be a powerful force

sharing the destiny with socialism.

Moreover, Korea built up a self-defensive formidable military power to make the Korean-style socialism invincible.

Socialism and imperialism are incompatibly hostile in their class position with each other. It means that the existence of socialism presupposes a confrontation with imperialism.

Therefore, a unilateral weakening of the military on the part of socialist countries is a foolish act similar to take out the cornerstone supporting socialism.

It is not fortuitous that the weakening and fall of the USSR coincides with that of the Soviet army.

The allegation of weakening of the Soviet military began from the time of Khrushev.

When some socialist nations were faced with difficulties in the economic construction in the past, they either tried to find the reason in the socialist economic system or considered it to be in the arms drive with the imperialist countries. From this they put up a policy of the "reform" and "change" or advocated the "disarmament" and the "reduction of armaments", preaching the "peaceful coexistence" with the imperialists.

After making the" peaceful coexistence" with the imperialists a policy, Khrushev said: We have to take into consideration that we cannot be involved in the absurd arms race with the West in military expenditure. We have to remember that the fewer the military force, the greater

the number of men available for other productive works," and held to cut a third of the Soviet military power to divert the cut in the military budget to the development of economy. "The best way, he went on, to prevent the war and eliminate the source lies in the disposal of the means of war, that is, to make ploughs of swords" and insisted "we put up the slogan 'let us disarm ourselves completely' vis-à-vis the one "let us arm ourselves" that still go somewhere else, and that now is the "time for dispatching the weapons in store to the open-hearth furnaces to melt," "time for making tractors of tanks and threshers of guns and for using all the nuclear power only to the peaceful purposes."

Then he saw to make to disseminate the films and publications showing the scenes of throwing the weapons in the open-hearth furnaces and soldiers bringing back their arms and going back home saying that they demonstrate the advent of the world free from war, "army and weapons". He went so far as to highly praise the sculpture titled "Let us reforge swords to make ploughs" a "very excellent and talented work."

A lot of publicity about shifting from guns to butter was given by Khrushev who was keeping aloof of the aggressive nature of the imperialists and negated the confrontation with the imperialists, which resulted in the paralysis of the anti-imperialist class awareness of the Soviet people and army and the diffusion of the illusion of the US imperialism and the war-weariness, so as to be

disarmed before the imperialists.

The acts for weakening the Soviet military were further accelerated in the time of Gorbachev.

He kept blowing: “There is a too wide gap between the defense and the civil sector within a country. In the light of the time it is equivalent of a gap of one or one and a half generation. We had in a country of this sort an internal COCOM worse than an external COCOM,” saying: the” arms race itself is the enemy of peace. The unique way of security lies in the political settlement, that is, the disarmament.”

Then he pushed the hardliners who had an influence in the military out and went to cut the Soviet military extensively and shift the military to civil production. He turned up at the venue of the 43rd session of the UNGA in December 1988 to declare the reduction of the Soviet army by 500,000 and make a drastic cut of the conventional weapons to worm himself into the favour of the US ruling circle. Accordingly the presidium of the Supreme Soviet published a decree concerning the reduction of the armaments in March 1989. The decree clarified that the Soviet armed forces would be reduced by 500,000 and the quantity of the conventional weapons and the expenditure of the military budget cut by a wide margin. This was a great reduction of armed forces amounting to 12 % of the entire forces of the Soviet troop strength. Gorbachov went further to declare that the military budget would be cut by 14 % in the 1990-1991

budgetary plans. These measures removed two out of the 16 military districts, 60 units in the air defense force, 2 air corpses, 4 air divisions and 19 air regiments in the air forces. The navy abolished 26 submarines and 45 ships and so the strategic rocket force did a thousand missiles, more than 380 launchers and 36 missile bases. Nearly 300 munitions factories were transferred to the civilian industry and everywhere farce of abolishing the armaments were put on stage.

This extensive reduction of the nation's military power as if an end was put to the war permanently on the planet was no less than a capitulation to the imperialists all the more feverish to the arms race still with the aggressive ambition.

How contrastive were those who would be ready to say that they succeed the Leninist cause of socialism reciting his words “the revolutionary army and the revolutionary government are the same as the both sides of a medal” and “The oppressed class unmindful of learning how to use the arms and possessing weapons well deserves to be treated as slaves.”

This unilateral disarmament done under the eyes of the imperialists who were militarized to the core dreaming of the only world power worked up the anti-socialist frenzy of the imperialists and finally helped the imperialists to knock down the Soviet socialism without so much as firing a shot.

Reliance on foreign forces in defense is away straight

to the national ruin. The national defense is a vital issue concerned with the destiny of the nation. A nation negligent of the military has always been subjected to others from earlier ages.

Korea put great efforts to the build-up of self-defensive capabilities and held fast to this policy.

To achieve independence in the national defense is a fundamental principle in the building of a socialist state. The existence and activities of a socialist state can only be ensured by the self-defensive national capacity since there are imperialists, the maneuvers of the reactionary forces in league with them are continued and the revolution and construction are carried on by the unit of the national state.

If granted, what plight will one be plunged into? It is no different to put himself in others' beck and call.

The East European socialist countries had no independence in the building of their defense power and entirely relied on the USSR in the past. They had done everything as dictated by the USSR. Their worship of the USSR and flunkeyism to it were related with the fact that the victory over fascism in the Second World War and the set-up of the government was not brought by their own forces, but by the Soviet army.

So they were involved in the Warsaw Treaty Organization, a collective security mechanism controlled by the USSR, their security was guaranteed after all by the Soviet army.

Since the majority of the military officials, the core of their army, received the military education in the USSR they could not help but obey to the command of the USSR. Therefore, when Gorbachov took over the Soviet military and the Warsaw Treaty Organization and forced the policy of the “reform” and “change” to them by way of putting in action their military, they had no alternative but to take it and be driven into the collapse of socialism as he pushed along.

A statesman can by no means defend either the socialist ruling Party or the people's power in a national defense system relying on the other's army.

Gorbachov published the unilateral reduction of the conventional forces of the Soviet army and at the same time announced the withdrawal of the Soviet forces from the East European and other socialist countries in the UNGA in December 1988.

Accordingly the first units of the Soviet tank division and anti-aircraft rocket corps left Mongolia on May 5, 1989 and in Czechoslovakia (at the time) the first stage of the withdrawal of the Soviet army was completed at the close of May 1990. The USSR pulled “Mig-23” and “Tu-16”aircraft out of Kamran bay, Viet Nam in 1989. In Magyar too the first train with 30 Soviet tanks aboard left for the USSR in late April 1989. At around this time the withdrawal began in the eastern Germany too. In this way he sold out the East European socialist nations and won the favour of the imperialists. However, the leaders of

those countries could not file a word of protest with him.

If there was one, he was Ceausescu of Romania. He held to strengthen the Warsaw Pact army to face the expanding NATO, but he was after all driven to death by Gorbachov and socialist enemy.

Without a strong self-defensive forces the East European countries fell into the labyrinth of collapse being impotent when Gorbachov went back on.

As socialism fell in many East European countries for the absence of the self-defensive capabilities, the United States raised a shout of joy over the unforeseen reap. A winter issue of 1990 of the US magazine *Foreign Affairs* carried an article to this effect:

Bush struck in 1989 the greatest geopolitical bonanza in the annals of the American foreign policy. The collapse of the East European communist bloc in half a year brought a sudden, quick, complete and unexpected success to the West in the global confrontation with the USSR. Communist leaders were ousted in Poland, Czechoslovakia (at the time), Bulgaria and Romania within July to December 1989. In these countries the new regimes are committing themselves the introduction of democracy and market economy and the troop pull-out of the Soviet army from Europe is on. He gained it without firing a shot.

Defense build-up is a vital matter not only for the East European socialist countries, but also all the countries, developed or newly emerging, should put priority to. The

Iraqi case impresses on the world people the necessity of the national defense capabilities.

Iraq which had once been wielding its authority as a military might over the Middle East does no longer exist.

In seeking the reason of its fall you may refer to the US's aggressive Iraqi policy for its domination of the Mideast, but it is an external factor in all respects.

The fundamental internal factor which made the Saddam regime vulnerable to the external impact and attack to fall was the negligence of the defense power in its policies.

The defense capabilities of Iraq began to grow weak from 1991.

After the end of the Gulf war in February 1991 Iraq was faced with an urgent task to rehabilitate its force grossly weakened in the war.

The Gulf war decreased the Iraqi army from 66 divisions to 32. One 155 mm shell out of five turned bad. Over 130 aircraft tuck away for a shelter in neighbouring countries could not be brought back.

The arms build-up was a pressing need in the light of the actual state of affairs or the military and political situation created later.

However, the then Iraqi regime spent a decade without a positive measure for rearming its army and national defense power.

It attempted to raise the increasing restraints preferably by way of acceding to the demand of the US

and the West or evading the aggravation of relations and finally made a gross political blunder of accepting the international weapons investigation team.

The quick eye of the US spotted soon the weakness of Iraq. It drove the international weapons investigation team to comb out the whole country under the pretext of the "clearing of the mass destruction weapons" and went insolent enough to put the presidential palace, a symbol of sovereignty, on the list of the investigation in order to push the situation to the destruction of the Iraqi war capabilities.

Though the military equipment was prepared with their blood and sweat, Iraq could not help but accept the gangster-like coercion of the US to destroy them.

The political intention of Iraq was to receive the guarantee of security at the cost of the destruction of their armaments.

The consequent development of the situation eloquently substantiated the foolishness of Iraq.

The US answered the demand of Iraq for the guarantee of security at the cost of the compliance to the US coercion with the launch of invasion to Iraq in March 2003. The UN too could not protect Iraq from the US invasion.

The die had already been cast when Iraq was aware of how brazen-faced and ferocious the US was.

The Iraqis ought to get lashed as the US strikes and swallow their tears to their chagrin for the lack of their military capabilities resistible to the US.

The world knows how tragic disaster the war in Iraq

started by the US brought to the nation and how miserable destiny it fell upon the people.

These facts are a good proof that how Korea's choice was wise and justifiable that she strengthened the KPA to a powerful armed force sharing the destiny with socialism to safeguard and advance the cause of socialism and prepared a strong self-defensive military capabilities.

To defend the global independence, peace and justice

Leader Kim Jong Il pointed out in his work “The revolutionary line of Songun is a great revolutionary line of our time and an invincible banner of our revolution” that the WPK put forth the Songun politics on the basis of a scientific analysis of the international circumstances the Korean revolution was placed in and the developments of the rapidly changing situation.

The Olympics, a worldwide event at present, was started and developed from the desire of peace in the world. Its ideal has been in ancient times for the removal of strife among the countries and maintaining of peace.

The ancient Olympics first held in 776 B.C. in ancient Greece as one of religious events offered to the winners a wreath made of olive branches.

In 1949 Picasso presented his painting of a dove and an olive branch to the world peace conference in Paris and suggested to make the dove a symbol of peace. From

then on, mankind more aspired after peace.

It is a common desire of the mankind today to live in an independent, peaceful and just world free of aggression and war harmoniously helping each other.

Historically, the problem of independence, peace and justice, one of great significance related with the fate of the mankind, has long been made a subject of discussion.

It was because the justice has long been violated and peaceful atmosphere gravely destroyed in the world by the aggression and war forced by the exploiting class.

The historians say that in the period form 1496 B.C. to 1861 A.D. the duration of the peaceful time was only 227 years, but the rest 3130 years were continued with fierce wars.

There were 24 wars, small and big, between 1900 and 1938 and 130 from 1946 to 1972. It was not all.

The Gulf war in 1991, the war in Yugoslavia in 1999, the war in Afghanistan in 2001, the war in Iraq in 2003….

As the number and facts show, there were many wars which claimed an enormous toll of mankind.

The matter of safeguarding the independence, peace and justice grew all the more acute since imperialism appeared in the arena of history.

The United States carried out 114 wars and 8,900 military interventions till the 20th century since the founding of the state (1776-1906) to expand its territory more than ten times. During the cold war (1945-1985) it staged the Korean and Vietnamese wars, 262 wars and

military interferences in all. Around the end of the cold war the US imperialists launched an attack to Panama in December 1989, intervention in Liberia in August 1990, the Gulf war in 1991, the military intervention in Somalia in 1992, military attacks to Afghanistan and Sudan in 1998, air raid on Yugoslavia in 1999 and war in Iraq in March 2003 and so on.

Today the United States have 750 military bases in over 130 countries in all continents of the world and station permanently more than 500,000 forces. There are more than 6,000 bases in the mainland.

Their nuclear arsenal is packed with over 5,400 warheads of the intercontinental ballistic missiles, 1,750 nuclear bombs and warheads of cruise missiles, over 20,000 nuclear weapons in all. The military budget increased from US$379 billions in 2003 to US$401.7 billions in 2004. The House of Representatives approved in 2005 to appropriate US$491 billions for the 2006 financial year.

There is no need to say where this colossal money goes.

All the wars done by the US and other imperialists were needed for attaining their political aim for meeting their predatoriness and world supremacy. They describe the war as “bloody politics” and the politics as a “war without blood”.

A war is inevitable as long as there remains imperialism on the earth.

The war maneuvers of the imperialists for the invasion and plunder are carried to an extreme in our era.

Korea chose the road of Songun to propel the cause of global independence.

The present important challenge of the mankind is to impede and frustrate the arbitrariness and high-handedness of the imperialists and carry out the cause of the global independence.

The formation of the world so far changed in various ways in accordance with the balance of forces and their interests. With the emergence of the monopolism the imperialist powers put up fierce fight for colonies and the position of the world domination. In the two world wars started by the imperialists the socialist forces emerged and a worldwide socialist system formed. The colonial dominationist system of the imperialists was crumbled to free almost all colonial countries. It was a miraculous change in the world formation of forces. The period from the forties to the eighties of the last century is characteristic of one of the confrontation and rivalry between the socialist forces including the USSR and the US-led imperialist forces.

After the collapse of the USSR the US made it their major strategy to bring the world under its control. It is the reason why in the world arena at present the domination and subjugation, invasions and wars and strifes and confrontations are further aggravating.

The US considers that the UN, the current international

laws and international organizations serve only in its own interests and is trying to use them as a means to control the world.

Helms, chairman of the senate foreign relations committee of US, speaking in a UNSC session, professed that the UN aught to be reformed in compliance of the will of the US to make itself an “efficient diplomatic implement of the US” and since the US's internal laws are superior to the international laws, the moves of the US to other countries do not need the commission of the UN and the UN has no right to complain about the US policies.

The Bush administration made the world public greatly astonished by making public in its national security strategy that it had the right to remove by force of arms those countries which question its world supremacy.

It is a good testifier of its insolence that it regards to lord it over the world as its legitimate right.

The world public, expressing astonishment, strongly resisted it saying “in the present world a medieval disorder is resumed and the international laws are thoroughly neglected by the arbitrariness of the US characteristic of its extremely arrogant unilateralism,” and “the US is going to restore slavery in the world and lord it over as a slave master.”

The ever-increasing brigandish acts of the US make it an urgent requirement in achieving the global independence to frustrate its maneuvers for the world supremacy.

The Songun politics of Korea reflect these requirements, which can make a breakthrough in the attempt of the US for the unipolarization of the world and push forward the cause of global independence. The global independence here implies a world structure guaranteeing the independence of all the countries.

What is necessary in forming such a world structure is to bring to failure the US policy of strength for the unipolarization, relying on the means of military blackmail.

The Songun politics of Korea is a powerful mode of politics making the US policy of strength resorting to the arbitrariness, invasion and war in reliance on the military power impotent with a righteous military power.

Korea chose the way of Songun to safeguard the world peace.

It is a unanimous aspiration and demand of the people to live independently in a peaceful world. However, it is not easy to achieve it because the imperialist forces are very dangerous ones threatening the peace of mankind. The plunder and aggression is the nature of imperialism and its way of survival. The fattening and "prospering" of the imperialist countries coincides with their invading and pillaging of other countries and peoples, that is, their destroying of peace.

Therefore, if the countries that already won independence are to defend peace and achieve development, they have to strengthen their own defense capabilities.

In the past many countries in Europe tired to keep peace by standing neutral.

Belgium announced permanent neutrality in 1834 and Luxemburg in 1867. However, it was violated and peace broken by Germany in the First World War.

Norway could keep the neutrality during the World War One, but was disturbed by Germany and now joined the NATO.

The experience of the neutral nations shows that peace is impossible to be kept only with neutrality.

Accordingly, these neutral nations also put efforts to the build-up of the national self-defensive capabilities.

Switzerland appears to keep peace with the policy of the strict neutrality, but keeps it relying on a self-defensive force.

She appropriates nearly 20% of the state budget to the defense expenditure. She has 3,000 permanent troop forces, yet all the people are liable to the compulsory service system. Men are due to get 4 month's military training in the age of 20 before they are transferred to the reserves. They take their arms and kits home to keep them there and would be enlisted in emergency.

There are shelters that can accommodate about three million, out of which two million-capacity shelters are nuclear-proof.

Sweden keeps peace with the policy of armed neutrality. The former Prime Minister Palmed noted “we have to go neutral supported by a strong national defense

power.

This country allocated 2.5 % of gross national production for defense expenditure and per capita defense expenditure numbers US$330, higher among those that maintained peace since 1814. Her regular army 60,000 strong and over 90% of the equipment is domestically produced. The government directs a special concern to underground strongholds. In particular, the under-water sea route strongholds for defending Stockholm were built long before. The ordinary industrial establishments also were built to continue the production in the war-time conditions, too. Half of the power plants have been built underground.

Korea is maintaining peace by countering the continued military threatening and stifling policy of the US for half a century since the war with the Songun politics.

The meeting of the presidium of the “International Liaison Committee for Reunification and Peace of Korea” held in Paris in March 2004 pointed out that since the United States tries to disarm Korea completely, denying to coexist peacefully with her, Korea has no other alternative but to maintain and strengthen the nuclear deterrence in self-defense

Just as self-defense is a natural demand and right of man, so it is too legitimate right for the countries to have a self-defensive national armed force.

Now it is a stark fact in the present international society that those with a strong national defense power are

capable to keep the national sovereignty and peace, but on the contrary those with a weak defense power bound to fall victim to the imperialist forces and world peace broken.

The imperialist strong-arm policy and high-handedness invoking wrath and anger of mankind at present bring to light the bestiality of the imperialists as they are.

The United States continued to go to hostilities against the developing countries still weak in defense power everywhere in the world since the Second World War.

The former US state secretary Schultz confessed that after the World War Two the US put in its forces 185 times under the pretext of “settling the situation threatening its own economic interests” in the developing countries to harass and destroy peace there.

It may probably be interpreted that the US could make air-raids to Yugoslavia and violated peace there because it had been weak in military power.

The Balkan war started by the US and NATO on March 24, 1999 lasted 78 days. During the time they launched 2,000 cruise missiles and made 25,000 sorties with 1,200 aircraft for indiscriminate air-raids.

Witnessing this miserable plight the progressive people felt sympathy for them chagrined for being weak in power.

Yugoslavia had no anti-aircraft forces and missiles enough to counter the enemy aircraft raiding from 12,000

metres high, the airports deployed 300kms away, the carrier fleet in anchor in peripheral Adrian Sea. So it was clear she was only battered hard.

The war in the end forced this country to accede Kosovo to the US and the Western countries and the former President Miloshewich, an anti-imperialist fighter, sit in the dock.

A Yugoslavian senior official said: We felt keen in this war the necessity of having a strong national defense power. We lamented seeing the neighbouring countries to join the NATO and the USSR we had pinned so much hope hesitate to help. We arrived at the conclusion that the priority had to be put to our own military power. This is the only way out.

Now that the imperialists jump at us wielding their missiles and nuclear weapons, it is an urgent matter concerned with the destiny of mankind for the nations to find a right way for the peaceful development in the principles of sovereignty, equality and mutual respect.

Today there is nobody to hear the complaint of the weak if he was beaten by the strong. The road chosen by Korea attracts unanimous sympathy of all nations and peoples who are resolved to defend peace.

Korea chose the road of Songun to defend the justice of mankind.

To keep justice in the international arena is an important guarantee for securing impartiality among the countries in the international community and bringing

about the progress of mankind.

The yard stick for distinguishing the justice and injustice lies in whether the independence is respected or violated. In other words, any act of respecting the independence of the countries and nations is justice and vise versa.

A noted Egyptian Yahya told that the US is today's Procrustes who punishes his dislike without mercy. This US “bed of Procrustes” is ruthless to any country, small or big.

His remark is a correct expression about the US which resorts to the power politics and tyranny.

I would like briefly refer to the “bed of Procrustes” to help the readers to understand.

By the Greek mythology there was a thief called Procrustes who would make sport of the passers-by. He would take them to his bed to extend the body of a smaller one to the size of his long bed and cut the legs of taller one by the size of his shorter bed. In this cruel way he is said to have killed many people.

From this myth the “bed of Procrustes” was figuratively meant by an act of forcing one's will to others, that is, imposing one's unreasonable standard and demand upon others.

Now the United States are desperate to get those offensive lay on this bed.

The present world complicated, chaotic and full of dangers is controlled in the interests of the great powers

and any thing contradictory to the US style is condemned to be injustice. Today those rejecting submission and toadyism to them are unrelentingly held in check from development and growth and those claiming independence and principles blamed to be “criminal” and “evil” and exposed to a baptism of merciless military action.

Now the justice is miserably trampled upon because the most unjust forces in the present world are free of unjust acts relying on the military power.

The United States is the greatest vicious force, source of all evils and heinous violator and strangler of justice in the world. It covers its true colours under the signboard of the “defending of human rights” and “defending of liberty and democracy”.

In the present circumstances the justice cannot be safeguarded by way of outcry, appeal or petition. It can only be defended and exercised when backed by the strength, that is, the just military power. It cannot be safeguarded by well-reasoned speeches or an exact expression of documents, but by strong arms.

The cases in point are the US invasions of Grenada and Panama in the 80s of the 20th century.

When a Caribbean island country Grenada went progressive, it dispatched 15,000 Ranger troops on October 1, 1983 under the pretext of the “unrest of situation” and “protection of Americans” to kill Prime Minister Bishop and occupied the country. Then it drove

22,000 troops into Panama in a mid-night of December 1989 on account of her disobeyance to kill the innocent people at random and bring leader Noriega to the US court on charges of “narcotic crime” to give him 40-year jail sentence

However, they had nowhere to complain about the brazen-faced and rude acts of the US. Though Grenada and Panama became the victims of injustice, no country did condemn the aggressor US and push it to the dock in their stead.

They were beaten on account of their weak military power in spite of their strong anti-imperialist independent spirit. They had been steady or roared about the military interventions of the US. But they were beaten because they had weak military strength.

The arbitrariness and imperialist evil acts of the US imperialists more strengthened after the “September 11” incident.

After the largest ever surprise attacks on the Pentagon and the World Trade Centre on September 11, 2001 the US had to feel remorse about its unilateralist external policy, insolence and inveiglement of the destiny of many nations.

However, it announced a long-term “anti-terrorism warfare” under the signboard of the “extermination of terrorism” clamouring that this incident was a “declaration of war” against the US.

Its “anti-terrorism” ballyhoo is no other than a

camouflage to cover its unjust acts to attack as it pleases those countries rubbing them the wrong way and gain the world supremacy.

It selected Afghanistan as the first aim of its "anti-terrorism war". The excuse was that the country was the hide-out of Osama Bin Raden spotted as a wire-puller of the "September 11" incident and the Taliban regime shields him.

But, its real aim was elsewhere.

Its ambition was to contain Russia and China to have all the central Asian regions to it and seize the oil around the Caspian Sea. Hence Afghanistan, a prey most suitable for its interest and weaker in military capabilities.

It started the war on October 7, 2001 26 days after the "September 11" incident under the veil of arresting Bin Raden and vanquished it easily.

This country is hard to approach geographically or climately. Afghans had all the advantages in checking invaders-high and craggy mountains 2,000-3,000m above sea level, many rapids, flimsy weather and biting cold of winter.

In spite of all these advantages they lost because of disunity and weak military power.

US missile attacks and carpet bombing turned this country to an utter ruin and an end was put to the five-year rule of the Taliban forces.

The facts seen above testify that the justice is far from being defended by a petition, begging or a military power

inferior to the invaders. If nations really are going to keep justice, they have to possess their own strong military power. This is the only right way to defend the sovereignty of the nation and the international justice.

Korea chose this way and though hard and difficult held it to the last.

Today the world progressive people feel great admiration to the fact that Korea small in territory and population is defending the national sovereignty and leading the cause of global independence with the Songun politics.

Many personages of the political and social circles of the world praise the Songun politics of leader Kim Jong Il, saying: “Great leader Kim Jong Il exercises really unique policies. The preceding leaders were unaware of the word Songun and could not imagine. Witnessing what is happening in Korea and reading many books we deeply realized that the politics of Korea designed by him is one overcoming difficulties on their own and making the country strong and a mode of politics which the world must learn from.

Today the Songun politics commanding admiration of the world is steadfastly succeeded by supreme leader Kim Jong Un of Korea.

Since the invincible Songun politics of Korea initiated and developed by the preceding leaders and succeeded by supreme leader Kim Jong Un to the letter is certainly great, righteous and excellent, we too formed the Songun

politics study group in Bangladesh and are studying hard and striving to organize an international forum to disseminate it to the world progressive people.

Victory is in store for our cause and the song of *Songun Internationale* will echo loudly throughout this planet.

2. What is the Songun politics

I have paid a special attention to compile this chapter and took pains to deliberate it in the thought that the readers have a better understanding about the Songun politics and sympathy to it.

The reason is that the Songun politics is profound and comprehensive because of its scientific character and justness and a politics purified with philosophical thoughts.

Therefore, I made up mind to explain about it with various facts.

As taught by leader Kim Jong Il, it is a way of leadership of the revolution and a mode of socialist politics by which priority is put to the military in the state affairs and the fatherland, revolution and socialism are defended and the overall socialist construction is accelerated in reliance to the revolutionary temperament and fighting power of the KPA.

It is largely divided to two categories: one is the politics putting priority to the military in the state affairs and the other one is the politics defending the fatherland and socialism expediting the whole socialist construction with the KPA as the core and main force.

Politics putting priority to the military in the state affairs

One of the essential points of the Korea's Songun

politics lies in the fact that it is a mode of politics by which all the problems raised in the revolution and construction are settled in the principle of putting priority to the military.

It is of a very great significance in the political practice what principle is pursued in the policy of the state. It is because the principle held by the state in its politics decides the sector which the state would concentrate its efforts and further has an effect on the ups and downs of the state.

Korea keeps to the military-first principle and strive to bring into reality from the understanding that the military build-up is keenly felt and quite necessary which can frustrate the imperialist aggressive acts if she continues to push ahead successfully the cause of socialism under the condition that imperialism still survives on the earth and the imperialist acts of aggression persist.

As the readers well know, the social life of man includes not only the military, but also the economy and culture.

The military-first politics means that a priority is given to the military out of all other sectors in controlling and coordinating the activities of men and operating the whole of society. Accordingly, this principle may be expressed in a way that the military is placed at the top of all other state affairs.

By placing the military at the top of other state affairs it means that the military is given the greatest importance and its build-up is preceded to all other affairs. In other words, all the line and policies are worked out giving

priority to the military and the precedence is given to developing the military power.

There were various modes of politics applied in the thousands years of long history since states came into being on the earth and forms of state politics introduced.

However, there have been no politics which combined the politics and the military into a single destiny. The Songun politics is a mode of socialist politics that has never been in preceding classics or in any state.

To go back on the annals of the politics which came into being at the same time with the emergence of a human society, many countries put stress on the military.

The typical example is the city state Sparta which had been in the Balkan Peninsula in B.C. 12th century. The ruling class of Sparta had a senate composed of 30 senators to exercise a power politics submitting all the social life to the military purpose. This helped Sparta last in a certain period as a state with a strong military power together with Athens in Ancient Greece.

Advocating the militarization of the country fascist German Hitler in 1930 or Pinochet of Chile in 1970 followed militarism.

However, the strong arm policy of the Sparta state and the militarist policy of Hitler or Pinochet were after all doomed to bankruptcy owing to their brigandish nature and their own weaknesses.

That is inevitable because the military regime and its strong arm policy in an exploiters' society are reactionary

to the core trampling upon the independence of the working masses and resorting to the invasion and plunder to other countries.

They deserved the miserable end of failure and fall since they were contrary to the aspiration and desire of the broad working people pushing the wheel of history only forward.

However, the Songun politics defends the destiny of the peoples' masses and propels the history forward. The politics and the military serve to the interests of the people. This mode of politics closely combined the military for the people with the politics for them. That is the reason why the Songun politics is entitled to be a main mode of the socialist politics and ever-victorious.

Then, was not there a Songun politics in other countries which had been going socialism?

Since the emergence of a socialist state the modes of politics suitable to it was much sought for. The term Songun has not been found in theory or practice. In case of practicing the politics of military importance on rare occasions it was limited to a certain period of war and emergency.

When Germany started war in June 1941 the former USSR organized the National Defense Commission, a wartime emergency agency, to take charge of all the state affairs, politics, military and the economy. But the case was a temporary measure to cope with the wartime emergency. For that reason, this emergency measure

cannot be interpreted as a solid and strategic mode of politics.

There would be another question.

How different is the Songun politics of Korea with a military government of others?

Militarism which emerged at the same time with the formation of monopolism exercised military government. It is a policy of which aim is to concentrate the material and spiritual forces to the military build-up.

The Songun politics of Korea is dynamically different with the militarist government because they are quite different in the class character and aim.

The militarist politics is an anti-popular and reactionary one for suppressing the popular masses and invading the other countries with military violence.

However, the Songun politics is the most popular politics which defend the independent interests of the people's masses and guaranteeing their well-being.

The Songun politics and the military government are quite different in the position and role of the army in politics.

In the militarist government the army is no other than a means for carrying on the political interests of the ruling class.

In the Songun politics the KPA conforms a major force of politics for achieving the independence of the people's masses.

Then why it is that military should be preceded to the

economy or culture and priority given to the military build-up.

The answer may be gotten in the Paris Commune, the first proletarian revolution in the human history and the lesson it gave.

The Paris Commune survived for 72 days from March 18 to May 28.

It happened at the time when the second Empire, a reactionary French bourgeois military police state, was crumbled in the France-Prussia war.

The French army was defeated in one battle after another from the first day and retreated. The decisive battle was fought in Sedan on September 1, 1870, where about 100,000 French force was exterminated and Napoleon III himself was taken prisoner.

The Parisians angered at the news of the defeat in Sedan besieged the assembly hall of the legislative council on September the 4th and demanded the establishment of the republicanism. Although the bourgeoisie frightened at the spirit of the people proclaimed France to be a republican state, the power of the Republic was taken by them.

The reactionary government more feared the revolutionary advance of their own people, workers in particular, than the foreign invaders. They took to the capitulationism policy with an aim of maintaining their own class rule.

Prussia took advantage of their capitulationism to lay

siege to Paris on September 17.

Nevertheless, the government would neither go to resistance nor arm the “national guards”. On the contrary, they tried to retrieve the meagre arms in the hands of the guards. When the armymen of the reactionary government began to forcibly pull down the cannons of the “national guards” from the Montmartre, workers and many other people instigated them to stop being defrauded by the traitors and come to the side of the people shouting “Will you take the cannons to Berlin?” Then the soldiers disposed of the officers and began to come to the side of the people.

As their attempt to disarm the Parisians came to failure, the bosses of the reactionary regime ran to Versailles and the central committee of the national guards seized all the government institutions and hoisted a red flag on the municipal hall on March 18.

The rebellion triumphed. This was the first victory of the proletarian revolution in the history of the world.

The Paris commune was in fact the first form of the working class government emerged in the history of mankind,

The commune was elected on March 26 and the Paris Commune was successfully proclaimed on March 28 amidst hearty cheers of the 200,000 crowds. The commune was composed of 86, out of whom workers were 26 (later 16 including 6 workers were added). Included there were noted labour activists *Louis Eugene*

Varlin, artists *Gustave Courbet* , writers , *poets Eugene Pottier*, doctors and engineers. The commune immediately replaced the outmoded state machinery of the exploiters' class with a new-type one of the working class, abolished regular troops recruited by conscription system to announce the national guards formed with people as the armed force and got rid of the old violence machine including the police. In addition, it declared many measures including maintaining by the workers of the factories and enterprises once possessed by the capitalists who took to flight, lending their good offices to the employers to get jobs and introducing the labour protection system.

These measures demonstrated that the Paris Commune was a government of the working class and the working class power alone can exercise popular policies in the interests and demand of the broad masses of people.

Meanwhile, the overthrown exploiting classes were desperate to restore their old position.

On May 21 130,000 strong Versailles reactionary troops attacked Paris. The commune warriors and citizens fought a heroic fight against the powerful reactionary forces between May 21 and 28 called as a “bloody week”. The workers and handicrafts men of Paris, men and women and young and old rose up to defend their sovereignty and freedom. The 300 commune warriors fought bravely in *Pere Lachaise* to the last man on May 28.

A bestial white terrorism ensued after the failure of the commune. About 30,000 commune warriors and workers were killed, some 70,000 imprisoned and 100,000 took refuge.

Although the Paris Commune lasted only for 72 days, it taught serious lessons to the international labour movement.

One of them is that the struggle of the people's masses for the independence is accompanied by the confrontation of strength with the counterrevolutionary forces and no matter how great and excellent aim the working class had, they cannot win in the revolution or defend the revolution already won without strong revolutionary armed forces.

This is what I want to emphasize to the readers through the experience of the Paris Commune.

In Japan there still are the “nose grave” and “ear grave” showing the people what a fate falls upon the people if they fail to strengthen their military power.

The Japanese invaders who made war preparations for long made a sudden foray to Korea with 158,000 strong infantry and tens of thousands of naval force on April 13, 1592.

The Japanese samurais murdered tens of thousands of Koreans and cut the ears and noses of the murdered to make their graves for “a reminder of their military merits”. This fact teaches us that if the military is weak, the country will suffer an ordeal and the people are deprived of even their bodies.

The class contradiction is growing acuter as never before on the earth.

Though the mankind entered the 21st century with a great hope, the globe is turning from the start into a theatre of rampage of the US-made mass destruction weapons. Whoever think to defend the national independence with an empty hand against the imperialists who are enforcing the jungle law of the strong eating the weak while trying to define the ethic conception of the justice and injustice of their own free will.

Mankind clearly understood through the Iraqi case that the genuine peace is not guaranteed by the international efforts, fair and square international public opinion, the UN Charter advocating the world peace or a peace treaty or non-aggression pact with the enemy, but the physical war deterrence, a mighty military power capable of repulsing the attacks by any sort of sophisticated weapons overwhelmingly.

It is owing to the powerful military power built up by their own efforts under the Songun politics that the frequent war dangers were removed in Korea and the socialist system was defended and are making a head way day by day.

As was see, the national destiny can only be defended and the independence of the people provided when the military is put up as the first of the state affairs and the priority given to the national defense capabilities.

With the army as the core and main force

Another essential point of the Songun politics is that it is the politics defending the fatherland and socialism and expediting the whole of socialist construction with the KPA as the core and main force.

Which class, stratum or social group would be made the backbone of politics is decided by the position, the importance of the role and position of the proper group and it's fighting power.

Many socialist countries so far put the working-class in the van and carried out the revolution and construction relying on it as the preceding theories of the working class taught.

Marx saw the working class to be the most progressive and revolutionary class which has the mission of liquidating the domination of the capital and all system of exploitation and complete the cause of the revolution on the basis of the analysis of the class relations of the Western capitalist countries in the mid 19th century.

Although the human society had undergone many stages of development after the transition to the class society through class differentiation the masses of people was still in the fetters of the domination and subjugation and exploitation and plunder till the capitalist society. If we are to awaken the masses of people and rouse up all of them to the struggle against the rulers and despoilers, there must be a core force to lead the revolution in the van.

It is a matter of urgent necessity raised in the formation of the revolutionary forces which social group is to be made a backbone around which to rally the revolutionary fighting forces. In this matter Marx considered that the main force of the revolution was the working class in charge of social production, the then industrial proletariat, which was most advanced and revolutionary out of all other social classes.

He saw that the proletariat was one of social classes which got a living not out of the interests from a capital, but by selling their labour.

He expounded that proletariat, a new class born of the industrial revolution, could free themselves only by abolishing the private ownership and all the class differences and on that account it has a historical mission to bury the capitalist system and build a socialist and communist society.

This was a theory that reflected the then actual realities in the capitalist society. Based on this theory many countries put up the working class as the backbone in making socialist revolution and construction.

From this time on it was recognized as an inviolable formula.

However, long time passed and many changed since Marx defined the working class as a backbone of the revolution.

Today as the capitalism developed, in particular the science and technology advanced to a high level and the

world entered the era of information industry the life base of the working class changed and labour grew more technical and intellectualized. The ranks of the working class have rapidly been replaced more with the workers engaged in the technical, intellectual and mental labour than those in physical labour. Moreover, as capitalism grew to monopolism the society is inundated with bourgeois ideas and culture, which have strong influence on the class awareness of workers.

The working class today is different from that at the time of industrial capitalism or proletarian revolution in the aspects of its work, social standing and the actual conditions of the labour movement. It is clear that today the Marxist theory on the working class and its role is inapplicable to the present actual developments.

The criterion for defining the main force of revolution should not be an established formula or precedent, but the actual conditions. History advanced far, working many changes. Notwithstanding, if one is to define the problem of the main force after the preceding formula, the result will certainly miss the mark.

The mode of politics which gave a perfect answer to the problem of the main force of revolution at the present time is the Korean Songun politics authored by leader Kim Jong Il.

The KPA has an original character and temperament distinguished with other social groups. The temperament of the KPA is meant by an original ideological, political and

military temperament of soldiers that let them perform their fighting assignments and military actions militantly and full of vigor. The KPA soldiers' unique temperament is expressed with the spirit of defending the leader at the risk of their lives, that of implementing orders death-defying, of defending socialism, patriotism, revolutionary confidence and will, the organizational spirit and discipline, unity, mass heroism, warm comradeship and burning hatred to the enemy.

Their revolutionary temperament is fundamentally different from the one of the armies of the exploiter class society. The military specialists of the exploiters' society describe the “soldiers' temperament” as a militant spirit. But it is a reactionary and anti-popular camouflage invented to cover up their intention to train them to be obedient cruel murderers and justify the bestiality and aggressiveness of their army.

In the past the fascist ringleader Hitler instilled in his soldiers the barbarity, mercilessness and carnage telling them “You must have no heart or nerve. There is no need of them in a war. Get rid of mercy or sympathy.”

There is a passage in the first page of a pamphlet for the GI recruits: You have to be merciless and skilful killers.

In a subtitle “What is a soldier?” it writes that the state pays US$30,000 for you.... You are required to compensate for it by killing men in front of you.

What it denotes is that the army of the exploiter society is devoid of a militant temperament in a genuine sense of

the word and, if any, full of a temperament of a savage opposite to a high humane mental temperament.

During the visit to Korea to take part in the 65th anniversary of the DPRK founding last year I felt keenly again that the KPA was a powerful group with a revolutionary and militant temperament.

There is a story about a pilot the Korean people call a phoenix.

While bringing his aircraft in for a landing after a successful training flight, he found an accident brooding to blow up the machine. The control tower immediately ordered him to eject. If he pulled the emergency device he would be chuted down within 0.5 second and save the life. However, he ignored the ejection order 18 times. He thought if he ejects himself he would save his skin, but not the safety of the HQs of the Korean revolution and the people. He steered the burning aircraft with superhuman physical and mental power into the East Sea of Korea to die a heroic death.

He was at the age of 29 at the time.

Numerous are the stories about the revolutionary character, fighting power, organizational traits and discipline of the KPA men and officers and all the KPA soldiers are said prepared in this way: the shooting-down of a high-performance US helicopter by a KPA sergeant, which illegally trespassed the territorial air of the Korean side in December 1994, ravaging of enemy pillboxes and batteries in a flash with an immediate self-defensive

merciless retaliatory baptism of fire when the south Korean army broke out war provocations firing guns and rifles at the post of the Korean side in the De-militarized Zone of the Military Demarcation Line in July 1997, making an inferno of the island, an encampment of the south Korean army where they began a reckless fire at the territorial water of the Korean side in the West Sea of Korea….

How right and wise leader Kim Jong Il was when he turned the KPA into the backbone and main force of revolution and accelerated the socialist construction making its excellent spiritual disposition prevail in all the society.

His Songun politics, by which he put up the KPA in the van of the Songun revolution to push ahead with the all-round socialist construction, led to overcome the difficulties and ordeals created in the economy and bring about a new stride forward in all the fields of economic construction.

Making a breakthrough in every difficult economic construction site, the KPA officers and men created high revolutionary spirit and fighting morale such as the revolutionary soldier spirit in the construction site of the Anbyon Youth Hydropower Station and many other economic construction sites. Their mentality having been modeled after, great strides called the Kanggye spirit or the beacon of Songgang (Songjin Steel Plant) were made in the economic construction in many local provinces and

many miraculous monumental structures erected everywhere.

To take some examples in a recent few years, a campaign was made to create the “Masikryong speed” in which the Masikryong Ski Resort, a world-level tourist resort, was built in a few months. This campaign produced the Munsu Water Park and Mirim Riding Club, cultural facilities of the people.

All these were achieved by the KPA, the main force of the Songun politics.

The Songun politics of Korea, which brought about epochal changes and miracle in all the fields of socialist construction by enlisting the high revolutionary spirit and militant mode of life of the KPA men, put forth another banner called the creation of the “Korean speed” in order to work wonderful successes in the construction of a economic power and improvement of the people's livelihood.

In this campaign for creating the “Korean speed” Korea will fully demonstrate to the world the might and validity of the Songun politics.

3. Wonders brought by Songun

The military is symbolized with arms.

Then, what is the prosperity symbolized with?

That is the well-being.

If the military power is mainly expressed in a warring theatre, prosperity is found in a brilliant thriving wonders.

When seen in this way the military power and prosperity of a state seems to have no direct relations. However, the history tells that if the military power is strong, the state prospers and the people lead a happy life.

So is what is happening in Korea.

Leader Kim Jong Il established the Songun politics after he saw through the lessons of mankind's history and the demand of the present era and set up the state machinery so as to bring it into reality to defend all the heritages of socialism and relying on them heralded an era of Songun prosperity to make the Korean people the most blessed in the world.

Quite admirable is the prosperity beautifully seen in Songun Korea.

Staying in Korea last year I felt it again keenly. Witnessing the brilliant realities I felt a strong impulse that mankind should go the way Korea chose if they are to build a genuine ideal society.

The welfare created by the army in the van and shared by all the Korean people is genuine because the people hate a welfare enjoyed by a few privileged though created

by the majority of the working people.

Nowhere in the world is the human rights provided for satisfactorily as in the people-centred Korean-style socialist system.

It goes without saying that the Korean people are not yet as rich as the others.

However, they are not envious of the corrupt and morbid capitalist society like the US where the rich is getting richer, the arbitrariness of the jungle law is rampant and genuine human rights terribly violated.

The Korean people regard it as boundless pride and honour to live in a delightful and hopeful society in which they are bringing into reality step by step towards a brilliant aim of building a paradise on their land with their own strength.

Arrival at a legitimate nuclear state

Nuclear energy is a tremendous energy source. The clue to the energy was the radioactive material discovered while seeking the elements existing in the nature.

Currie, Marie and Pierre are well known among the great contributors to the discovery of the nuclear secret and the development of its energy.

They had already a worry that the material might bring misfortune to mankind. They knew well about the social consequences that their discovery might cause. The pair was awarded Nobel Prize in 1903 for the merit made in the researches on radioactivity, when Pierre sad:

“One can easily foresee that it will bring an extreme danger if radium is seized in the hands of criminals. This poses a following question. Whether one did get maturity enough to use this nature's secret to a rightful purposes, or is the knowledge on the nature only harmful to mankind? The discovery of Nobel illustrates an example characteristic in this respect. The powerful explosive made by him let the man do a good work. However, that explosive turned into a terrible weapon in the hands of big criminals. Nonetheless, as Nobel did, I am one of those regarding that the new discovery after all brings more good than harm.’’

As he worried, the atomic energy wrought unprecedented havoc and misfortune.

This energy has of course enormous source of power. If it is tapped full for the good of mankind, it would greatly relieve themselves of the worry of the energy shortage.

Curies made researches in the influence of radial rays on human flesh and the quantity of their energy. Pierre Curie exposed one of his hands to the radial rays to study the influence of the rays to a human body. Soon he found red spots there and it took four months to heel. He was the first to have a test of the harm the nuclear radioactive rays give to the human body.

As mentioned above, he was so worried that his painstaking discovery might be abused by villains to bring misfortune to mankind and expressed his worry as referred to above at the moment of getting high honour.

It was at the beginning of the 20th century.

And later in August 1945 the United States after all set the world to the nuclear holocaust.

Wilfred Burchett, a progressive political commentator for the *Daily Express* closed his fresh hand report witnessing the horrible damages on the spot in Hiroshima that another Hiroshima ought not to be repeated.

But now is the 21st century.

The United States which began the test of the atomic weapon known as the "Manhattan Project" has spent colossal fund to this project in the new century too, wielding the club of nuclear weapons in the world.

What is happening today clearly proves that as long as the United States survive, the nuclear threat will continue on the earth and if we are to live happily under a blue sky, we should have a strong nuclear deterrence that can prevail over the United States.

Originally the mankind hopes to have a world free of any nuclear weapons and oppose the competitive production of them. The United States, going against this aspiration of mankind, is frantic to make more outright nuclear provocations.

The nuclear needs a high technology and tremendous investment. That is why many countries never dare to go nuclear while being overawed by the US nuclear blackmail.

Setting the greatest value on the independent dignity Korea remains unflinching in any nuclear threat and

resolutely counters it nuclear to nuclear.

Korea succeeded in the underground nuclear test on October 9, 2006.

This eventful fact astonished the world as well as the Korean people.

The forces including the US hostile to Korea felt a shock full of an extreme anxiety, terror and despair.

But the majority of the world progressives expressed congratulations for the Korea's success in the nuclear test, pleased with it as their own.

Korea was pushed to the nuclear test by the United States.

In the past decades and especially in recent years Korea had their supreme interests and safety gravely violated and the situation aggravated to the point of risking their destiny.

The US as a mater of fact made a declaration of war to Korea by having the UNSC adopt an illegal decision against her on July 15, 2006 in connection with the Korea's launch of a missile as a part of their usual military training on July 5.

Presently the US was desperate in the military exercises and military build-up in the Korean peninsula and in its vicinity for the provocation of another Korean war. At the same time they further tightened the sanctions and blockade to Korea, employing the financial sanctions and all sorts of vile means and methods with an intention to isolate and stifle Korea economically and hamper the

socialist advance taken by the Korean people.

The worst situation in Korea created by the United States' isolation and stifling acts made Korea no longer look on the situation with folded arms.

Therefore, Korea clarified within and without through her Foreign Ministry statement dated October 3, 2006 that as a new measure for strengthening the self-defensive war deterrence firstly, she will carry out a nuclear test with a safety fully guaranteed, secondly, Korea will never use the nuclear weapon first and disallow the threat through the nuclear weapons and their transfer, and thirdly Korea will make all efforts to realize the denuclearization of the Korean peninsula and to promote the world nuclear disarmament and final removal of the nuclear weapons.

Six days after that Korea successfully carried out the underground nuclear test with safety.

The test was done completely by their own wisdom and technology. It gave the Korean army and people great encouragement and pleasure, who aspired after a powerful self-reliant national defense capabilities for centuries, while it dealt the US and other imperialist forces a hard blow and terror.

The successful first test provided Korea with a powerful material guarantee for the national prosperity.

Today the nuclear weapon of Korea is recognized as the best weapon for the survival of the state and the national prosperity.

First of all, it is a reliable means for defending the

national sovereignty and right to live.

At present the international political order is controlled by their privileged permanent member states of the UNSC and in doing this they rely on the nuclear weapons.

There is no other way to defend the national sovereignty and dignity in this unfair international political order. Hence, the army and people of Korea put priority to the defense build-up and strived to strengthen a powerful nuclear deterrence tightening their belt and suffering hardships and ordeals.

Secondly, the nuclear weapon gives a possibility to strengthen the national defense power and at the same time accelerate the development of the country with vigour.

The history of the international relations shows well that it is inevitable to hold nuclear weapons in order to prevent war and carry on the development in a safe atmosphere.

There have been many wars on the earth since the manufacture of the atomic weapon. However, the nuclear powers have never been engaged in a war. Confrontation continued among them from the contradiction of the interests, but a military conflict has never been between any of them.

It turns out that the state can direct more investment of fund and labour to the economy and people's welfare.

In the world the US was the first to hold nuclear weapons. It was followed by the former USSR. And then China, Great Britain and France possessed them.

If they took them for a shield to protect themselves, there would have been no matter at all. The problem arose when their evil intention was brought to light seeking for an exclusive possession all to them in order to abuse them for a means for the dominationism and hegemonism.

They set up a world order controlled by a few nuclear powers in which they can keep the nuclear weapons only to themselves and do not allow any others to have. This was established by the Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty (NPT) born in 1968.

Through this treaty the nuclear powers made themselves to keep a permanent position as nuclear states and rule the world political relations.

They continued to act in concert beyond their national interests or ideals in opposing any other's attempt to possess the nuclear weapons even if it is their ally.

It is a piratic logic that they alone have the right to have the nuclear weapons, but not the others.

In fact, any country that wishes to go independently in the face of the great powers' rampage and threats would want to have them.

But, not all the nations, though they have a strong desire or enough money and technology, can have them.

The possession of a nuclear weapon is rather an extremely acute political matter, a matter of courage and bravado and will power than a matter of money or technology. In a word, it is a serious matter to face the pressure and offensive of allied nuclear powers and their

followers.

Libya, Brazil, Iraq, former Yugoslavia and Japan did all in their power to put it in their hands, but failed. South Africa had to surrender what they had in secret.

Korea brought this publicly accepted unavailability into effect.

When Korea announced to go in for a nuclear test on October 3, 2006 the US, forcing an alternative between her future and a nuclear weapon, blackmailed to launch an immediate military strike in case Korea went into the test. The pressures from other nuclear powers were not the less. However, Korea did not yield.

They first announced that they would go into the test, but the United States, France, or Great Britain made the test before they informed of it.

Korea's test testifies that the US Korea policy came to a complete failure. Though the US put so much effort to hamper the nuclear possession of Korea, it after all pushed her to have it.

Bush, who would vociferate openly to launch a military attack immediately if Korea had nuclear weapons, appeared on the TV to give a dry answer in the same breath that there would be no military countermeasure, or the only way a diplomatic settlement.

Rice made the same remarks.

Abe's remark was more disgusting.

Before Korea's test he said: We will make every effort to check the north Korea's nuclear test. We cannot tolerate it.

If the north goes nuclear we will do the same.

After the Korea's success in the test he said: We ought to settle the matter in a diplomatic way. Japan will keep to the “three non-nuclear principles”.

The Japanese TV NHK, reporting that north Korea reached the technical level able to load a nuclear warhead on a ballistic missile, commented as follows:

Now it became clear that north Korea has nuclear weapons. Now that the nuclear explosion was de facto, there is no way to deny its nuclear possession. The United States and Japan have to consider all the military strategies on the premise that north Korea is a nuclear state. The security by and large has to be thought in such a view. The way of the international community concerning north Korea has to be changed as of October the 9th….

Isn't it a comment that a landmark has been laid of an era when the hostile forces vociferous on Korea have to live together with Korea good or bad.

A Korea specialist of a US strategic institute *Notilus* raised a question in his comment about Korea's gains and losses in this nuclear test. He said

What Korea loses and shirks off?

- Permanent Us threat of invasion and preemptive nuclear attack
- Bad “habits” of the great powers that would be seen frequently
- The US’ build-up of the anti-Korean policies for enlisting its allies and the world

What are the gains?

- A strong position as a nuclear state
- The time of prosperity begins when they would reduce the conventional weapons and stir up the economic construction.
- To have a mightier motive power for the reunification

The first nuclear test in Korea was a great event for the national prosperity.

Saying that a new era was opened for the national prosperity the world media pointed out on the first nuclear test in Korea as follows:

It is a general law that a development is only possible when one survived. What is the need of development or prosperity after death? North Korea so far has put all its efforts to face the threat to their survival. Tremendous resources of manpower, material and intellectual were concentrated on this.

The threat was removed with the nuclear test in north Korea. The test brought to naught the tens or hundreds times greater military expenditure of the United States, Japan and south Korea than that of north Korea in a moment. It is as clear as day where north Korea directs all its energy. It will direct it to the economic development and the improvement of the people's livelihood. Soon after the north Korea's nuclear test the south Korean stock value fell and the decreasing oil price resumed rose.

… If the United States, Japan and south Korea

aggravate the situation concerning the test, they would face irrevocable blow economically. They have to take hands with north Korea for a fair dealing….

"Korea's nuclear test seen by a Chinese expert" carried in a Chinese newspaper noted that the test is advantageous in improving the status of Korea. To weigh the gains and losses, gains are greater than the losses. Korea said that she would make a sharp cut in the investment to the conventional weapons and the increased resources got there put to the economic development."

To look back on the days past, after the death of President Kim Il Sung leader Kim Jong Il continued his Songun leadership and took all the pains to the self-reliant national defense build-up.

His firm confidence and will, stout courage and wise leadership at last brought Korea to a heyday of the building of a socialist thriving nation as today.

With the successful first nuclear test Korea promoted peace and security around the Korean peninsula and the world and strongly encouraged the global independence.

A noted Russian personage wrote in his article "Korea's counterattack with nuclear test":

"The news of the nuclear test in Korea is most sensational in the 21st century stirring the world. The Korean nation became a heroic nation and leader Kim Jong Il guiding them is a hero of heroes. The Bush's design for a preemptive attack on the" axis of evil" to erase socialist

Korea in the world map has been frustrated in the face of the Korea's counterattack with the nuclear test."

Oleg Shenin, Chairman of the Central Committee of the CPSU, in his congratulatory message to leader Kim Jong Il said "the nuclear test is a great event of epochal significance, a distinguished success of the Songun idea of science and technology and a brilliant demonstration of the victory of the Songun politics."

Many personages of the government, military and social circles of the world too warmly congratulated the test.

The nuclear experts of the world said that through the nuclear test Korea proved that she was able to regulate the power of the nuclear explosion freely and manufactured even small nuclear weapons able to load on various missiles. The world media commented that the United States, Japan and great powers monitored the test to fail to discover any leak of radioactivity from it and concluded Korea reached a very high level of the science and technology.

The internet home pages of the world carried many interesting articles:

● Jordanian: Korea is really a man!

● Egyptian: My enemy's enemy is a friend of mine. Great glory to Korea hated by the United States, I oppose the subjugation and domination. Here is the way to the honour and independence. I wish Iran and Egypt too succeed in their nuclear projects.

- Yemeni: Arabs blankly look at others. We too must go as Korea did. There is no other way in the present circumstances where the strong is only treated as a man.
- Qatari: Congratulations to Korea! Arabs slumbering in the mire, peace of the weak is beggary!
- Saudi Arabian: the world recognized a new reality
- Moroccan: Justice and goodwill Korea, smash the oppressors with oppression!
- British: If the West can engage in the nuclear test and sell military equipment, Korea has the right to make a nuclear test. That someone has the right to possess a nuclear weapon and some others not are a paradoxical law that holds true only in the West.
- American: Korea is said a hopeless country on the eve of fall, but how can she has a nuclear weapon. Who and how on earth can interpret it? Who indulged to tell empty talk? The idle talk said by Bush, an act done by north Korea, the US a choice of the weak, north Korea a choice of the strong.

Endless are the views as mentioned above.

This will fully explain to the readers that the first nuclear test in Korea was a political earthquake which shook the world and an epochal event which made a breakthrough in the nuclear powers-centered world political formation hardened to the core and instilled a great encouragement to the world progressive mankind.

On May 25, 2009 a few years later Korea made the

successful second nuclear test as a part of the self-reliant defense build-up.

It was the 2054th nuclear test on the earth.

The KCNA reported about it as follows:

Report of the KCNA

Another underground nuclear test successfully done

Our Republic made another underground nuclear test successfully on May the 25th, 2009 in accordance with the demand of our scientists and technicians as a part of the build-up of its self-defensive nuclear deterrence.

This test was performed with safety in a new high level in the explosive power and control technology and through the test we could solve the scientific and technological problems which can increase the power of the nuclear weapons and continue to develop the nuclear technology.

...

The nuclear test will contribute to defending the national sovereignty and socialism of the country and keeping peace and security in the Korean peninsula and its vicinity with the might of Songun.

May the 25th, 2009

Pyongyang

The world progressive people actively praised the success of the nuclear test in Korea and strongly condemned the mistaken acts of the US to stifle it, and said that they saw again the might of Korea and send warm congratulations to great leader His Excellency

Kim Jong Il and the Korean people.

However, the UNSC intervened in the legitimate right of Korea for the self-reliant defense build-up.

It took issue that the test was a violation of its “decision 1718” and tried to force a sanction again.

Out of nuclear tests done so far 99.99% were done by the five permanent member states of the UNSC.

The UNSC “decision 1718” had been invented by the top nuclear possessing countries as a “threat to the world peace”, taking issue with the first test done by Korea in October 2006 as a self-defensive measure to cope up with the increasing nuclear threat of the United States.

A nation free from the NPT or the control system of the missile technology, Korea has all the rights to make a nuclear test or missile launch in case her national supreme interests are infringed upon and this legal defense does not conflict with any international law.

After all the UNSC in the hands of the US endorsed the “decision of sanctions” taking issue with the second nuclear test of Korea.

It was certainly the infringement of Korea's sovereignty and another product of the US-led international pressure in an attempt to weakening the defense power of Korea and to stifle her economically to pull down the ideas and system chosen by the Korean people. In addition, the US and Japan cooked up mean plots with falsehoods such as “forged notes” or “drug traffic” to add their separate “sanctions” to her.

The nuclear possession of Korea was never their wish, but an unavoidable choice made by the US hostile policy and continued nuclear threat to her.

To cope with this situation Korea published her Foreign Ministry statement stating that firstly all the amount of plutonium to be extracted would be turned to the manufacture of the weapons, secondly uranium enrichment started and in case the United States and its followers attempt to blockade, Korea would regard it as an act of war and resolutely counter it militarily.

As seen above, the position of Korea was clear-cut and unflinching to any pressure and blackmail.

It is a way of Korea based on the Songun ideas to counter the “sanctions” with retaliation and the “confrontation” with all-out confrontation.

The Nepalese Journalists' Association stated about the acts of the UNSC as follows:

“Why does the UN keep silence when the United States attack small and weak nations all of a sudden, trample upon their sovereignty and dignity brutally and turn them into a chaos of terrorism?

Why does the UN remain an onlooker when it ought to call to account the US's acts of devastation of Iraq and Afghanistan committed under the pretext of “human right” and “democracy”? ”

The answer to these questions is clear.

The UN takes the side of the US which tries to deal with everything by force of arms.

Originally the UN is an organization representative of all the nations of the world. It ought to pay all attention to the appeal of the countries suffering from injustice and come to defend the weak.

However, the UN is impotent far from checking the arbitrariness of the US which is destroying peace with the inhuman attacks to Afghanistan and Iraq and resorting to terror and violation of human rights.

Then, Is the UN an organization serving only for the United States?

If not, it ought to be impartial to all the countries and observe the principle of justice.

The UN should no longer bring discredit upon its dignity of a world representative organization…."

On February 12, 2013 Korea made a successful third nuclear test to counter the increasing pressure and arbitrariness of the US and its satellite forces to consolidate further the self-defensive nuclear deterrence. It was another sensation.

An internet home page in Africa, asking to all what the destiny of Korea would have become if it did not prepare a nuclear deterrence, held as follows:

"Korea would have traced the steps of Iraq or Libya and the Korean peninsula followed the example of the Balkan peninsula at the close of the past century or Afghanistan in the beginning of the new century.

In other words, the United States would surely have started another war in Korean peninsula. Korea was

fortunate to possess nuclear deterrence. That is the reason why the nuclear deterrence of Korea is a reliable guarantee of peace."

Always azure and clear will be the sky of Korea building a socialist thriving nation under the security of the strong self-defensive nuclear deterrence.

Lawful joining in ranks of space power

The first artificial satellite "Sputnik-1" launched in October 1957 proved the possibility of space development and the success of the manned spaceship "Apollo-11"'s landing on the moon in 1969 paved the way to the development of the space. With the shuttle of spaceships the space development has set off in full force.

It is an equal right of every country and nation to get to researches and development of the space, the common asset of mankind. Neither privilege must be allowed to this nor the space a monopoly of a few specified countries.

However, the spaceman ship had been a monopoly of a few of developed countries.

Now the time has changed. At the present time of information industry when high technology developed rapidly the world direct great concern to the space exploration and embarked to the researches and development in full force.

Every nation has an option to the space development, which belongs to the nation's sovereignty and the demand of the practical development.

Korea, a legitimate member state of the international community, has an ardent aspiration to enter the space exploration.

However, the United States and its followers are very displeased with Korea's launch of the peaceful satellite and slinging mud at it.

Korea was firm about it too.

Let me take one of their documents clarifying their stand:

Important Report of the KPA General Staff

Our Revolutionary Armed Forces Will Resolutely Strike Those Who Dare Try to “Intercept” Our Peaceful Satellite

The wicked about our peaceful artificial satellite are the Japanese reactionaries, our enemy of long standing.

…We have already joined in the international space treaties and on March 21 sent our telegraphic notification concerning the issue of closing the aerial danger space during the foreseeable launch to civil air authorities concerned of the United States, Japan, Russia, China, Switzerland and south Korea.

…

At present the countries concerned accepted our practical measures in compliance with the international regulations and routine and are taking necessary measures.

However, Japan alone, taking issue with our advance notification of the aerial danger space for the launch of the

satellite, branded the launch of our peaceful experimental communication satellite “Kwangmyongsong-2”as a hostile act and are making much ado as if a great calamity has fallen upon them.

The guided missile destroyers “*Kondo*” and “*Jokai*”of Japan and “*Sejong Daewang*”of south Korea have already been deployed in the East Sea of Korea.

The Japanese reactionaries bereft of all reasons announced the “interception” of our satellite as a national policy

The General Staff of the KPA solemnly declare in the face of the situation created as follows:

1. If Japan, lost control of itself, dare intercept our peaceful satellite, our People's Army will resolutely and without mercy strike a fatal retaliatory blow not only to the already deployed means of interception, but also to the important targets.

2. The United States should withdraw its deployed forces without delay if it is to escape the damages since it clarified its own stand concerning our launch of a peaceful satellite

3. The south Korean puppet war maniacs, flattering to their US and Japanese masters, must not try to do any acts of hampering our launch of the satellite, our nation's pride.

Our revolutionary armed forces are keeping high war preparedness to face the serious situation created and will strike a rightful retaliatory strike without delay if there

appears any hint of “interception” from the hostile forces to our peaceful satellite.

April 2, 2009
Pyongyang

Three days after that, Korea's artificial earth satellite “Kwangmyongsong-2” at last flew into space (Korea had already succeeded in the launch of the “Kwangmyongsong-1” on August 31, 1998).

At 11:20 a.m. the artificial satellite “Kwangmyongsong-2” soared to the space giving a vigorous kick to the earth on the carrier rocket “Unha-2”. After 9 minutes and 2 seconds it was completely separated from the carrier rocket to enter its orbit smoothly and correctly.

Japan, which took the lead in vilifying our launch of the satellite and even gave a false report about it, was put to shame worldwide and showed a shameful scene “taken by surprise” far from intercepting though it was so vociferous about the interception.

The satellite “Vanguard” first developed by the US navy was launched 11 times for three years from 1957, but succeeded only three times. The “Vanguard “became a synonym implying a failure worldwide completely opposite to its true sense of the word.

Japan pretending to be an economic power had to suffer many times of failure until it launched the artificial satellite “Oosmi”.

The Great Britain too set to develop a carrier rocket for

a satellite under the strong backing of the US. It barely succeeded to launch the satellite at the fourth time, but 20 minutes after the satellite was separated from the rocket the third-stage detached body ran after the satellite to clash to damage the antenna leading to failure.

South Korea too attempted at one time to develop the artificial satellite and performed several test launches of short-distance guided missiles, but those too did not escape the sad lot of the “Vanguard”.

The world knows full well that the first launchers USSR and US began the project with other's technology of the carrier rocket.

These two countries directed their concern to the development of the rocket V in Germany during the Second World War, and when it was succeeded, made great efforts to seize it.

For example, as the German defeat was imminent, the United States marched upon Nordhousen, the research base of the “V-2”, and evacuated more than a hundred sets of the “V-2” rocket equipment in military train in secret. Of course they also got many technical documents into their hands. All these were shipped to the US via Antwerpen. Many key rocket scientists were also escorted to the United States.

The *Stars and Stripes* wrote about it to this effect:

“The German “V-2” saved at least five years for the US military industry. Otherwise, it would have consumed as much time in the researches and designing.”

When the Nuremberg international military court announced the SS as a criminal organization Wernher von Braun of the former SS member was already guiding the assembly of the rocket “V-2”drawn out from Nordhausen in the US Portbliss artillery range. He was a leader in the completion of the design of the multi-stage rockets (Later the space shuttle controlled by the US astronauts with the help of these rockets was launched.)

The former USSR captured the rocket search base and factory districts on the eve of the German defeat and after the war developed the rocket field on this basis.

The Great Britain, Italy and many developed West European countries long way behind in the field of the rocket development compared to the USSR and the US launched theirs jointly with the United States.

The fact mentioned above is a good reminder of the high level reached by Korea in the field of satellite rocket.

In view of the developed Western countries proud of the economic might and the development of science and technology and the realities in south Korea it is certainly an epochal event that demonstrated to the world the might of the Korea's science and technology and the independent national economy to have succeeded the launch in one go without any other's assistance and backing, in the rigorous economic sanctions and blockade of the imperialists wholly relying on her own science, technology and efforts.

Korea's “Kwangmyongsong-2” as well as the

“Kwangmyongsong-1” are perfectly domestically products. This demonstrated the dignity of Korea as a satellite producer, launcher and possessor country which fully attained the space technology.

The world was astonished. They could not believe in the fact that Korea which seemed unable to emerge from the redoubled hardship and difficulties has made the artificial satellite with perfect domestic strength and technology and succeeded it at one go.

Yuri Milov, vice president of the Russian Space Association, referring in his interview after the launch of the satellite in Korea to the clamour of the Western media that the technology of the satellite and its launch was helped by Russia, made an emphasis “we had no request for an assistance”, saying that he did not know any attempt of the DPRK to make contact with the Russian space experts.

Russian paper *Patriot* wrote:

The US and its followers would be very hard to accept the fact that Korea grew stronger to a space power far from being weakened after their all-out sanctions and blockade, isolation and stifling efforts.

A Jordanian newspaper wrote: The Western world are mad and lost of reason after the launch of a satellite in Korea. It is because Korea has done it successfully without relying on any technology of the West all by itself. The US is reckless and the South Korean authorities get hysterical.

After the successful launch of the “Kwangmyongsong-2”too the US and the hostile forces vilified Korea viciously and made all the threats and blackmail just as they had done at the time of the launch of the “Kwangmyongsong-2”.

On April 14 the US and its followers abused the UNSC to announce the brigandish “statement of chairman” taking issue with Korea's launch of the peaceful satellite.

Since the birth of the UN the UNSC has never made an issue of the launch of a satellite.

It was an intolerable defilement on the Korean people and unpardonable crime.

When the US and its followers argued at the time that the satellite launch in Korea resulted in the improvement of the long-distance missile capability, their aim was elsewhere.

The point is the change of the UNSC in its standard of action according to who performs either the launch of a satellite or a long-distance missile.

The act of the UNSC is an outrageous violation of the international laws contrary to the space treaty specified that the space will be developed and used freely by all the states without any differentiation on an equal basis to conform to the international laws.

Notwithstanding, taking issue with the launch of the peaceful satellite, the UNSC, according to the “statement of chairman” dated April 24 with no binding power, made unjustified provocations of bringing the anti-DPRK

sanctions into action by officially defining three trading companies as the objects of sanction and putting many assortments of the logistic materials on the contraband list.

However, Korea was steadfast.

Korea announced internally and externally through her FM statement that she will inevitably perform a nuclear test and intercontinental ballistic missile launching test, decided the construction of the light-water reactor power plant and as its first process set to the technical development to produce and provide the nuclear fuel immediately.

After having made clear her fortitude and will to the world, Korea continued to launch the satellites despite all the pressures and blackmail of the US and its followers.

The launch of the "Kwangmyongsong-3"1 carried out in April 2012 came to failure.

At 9:49 of the 12th of December that year another satellite was launched. The utility satellite "Kwangmyongsong-3"2 was successfully launched in 2012, the centenary year of the birth of President Kim Il Sung at the behest of leader Kim Jong Il.

Space technology is most sophisticated and it is a show-off of the national resources.

What a great import does it imply that Korea, small in size and population, launched the satellite twice a year with success?

That alone signifies the dauntlessness and die-hard

determination peculiar to Korea and her mighty defense and economic power.

It is how Korea rose to a dignified space power, high to a satellite launcher state.

She looks down upon the US and its followers which were so far so desperate to hamper her efforts for the space conquest.

Nobody dares to touch the dignity of the Songun Korea which rode to a space power under the banner of Songun.

To a world-level military power

Under the outstanding Songun leadership of leader Kim Jong Il Korea emerged as a majestic military power to frustrate all the vicious challenges of imperialist forces and won victory in the defense of socialist fatherland and is now in full steam ahead along the road of prosperity.

The KPA is an organization of the strong in ideas and confidence.

Leader Kim Jong Il held the theory of ideology in the military build-up and actions. He noted that though there might be a limit in the striking power of the army, but not in the power of ideology and the power is greater than an atomic bomb and the ideology of men constitutes a decisive factor in the military power.

After successfully fulfilling the historical task of combining the military with ideology which no military expert politician or great man could not attain with the above-mentioned theory of ideology, he put all his energy

to train the KPA soldiers to be strong men prepared politically and ideologically while leading the Korean Party and army.

Now I would take a few examples out of many.

A KPA sergeant Kim Yong Gil was on duty at a front line post at the end of July 1996. A sudden storming rain engulfed the post. The flood swept him to the area under the control of the south Korean army, where he was held in detention.

The south Korean side tried to bring over him to its side with all sorts of frauds and blackmailing. But he did not yield and fought to the last with a grim resolve that he would surely return, if dead, to the embrace of the respected Supreme Commander, and finally with success.

A sudden forest fire broke out burning the trees bearing revolutionary slogans. Seventeen officers, sergeants and soldiers rushed to save the trees from fire to plaster mud on them and die wrapping them with their bodies like phoenixes.

They dedicated their life and youth to save the slogan-bearing trees regarding them sacred as the treasures of the Korean revolution.

Readers may remember the heroic death of the KPA armymen broadcast through TV and radio broadcasting in September 1996.

Some KPA armymen, stranded off a south Korean coast for the mistake of a course in the middle of training,

were encircled by the south Korean army.

At the last moment they killed themselves wishing Supreme Commander well-being. However, a few of them survived there.

They fought a fierce fight with the pursuing tens of thousands of enemy.

The south Korean army mobilized many troops and tanks, armoured cars, aircraft, ships and other modern equipment to capture two or three KPA men.

The KPA men bravely fought without yield running freely in the enemy districts.

Tired and short of food and munitions, they prepared to face a decisive battle.

The south Korean army was sadly mistaken that they were close to capture them. They arranged a live TV transmission on the scene to show the KPA soldiers surrendering with their hands up. While alluring them with freedom, money and comfort, they tightened the siege with thousands of muzzles upon the KPA men.

The Korean armymen sent a barrage of fire on the enemy and left many casualties, shouting “There is no surrender to the revolutionary fighters of Comrade Supreme Commander!”

The situation having turned not as they thought, they abruptly cut off the TV relay. The south Korean army showered thousands of bullets and hand grenades and in the end went so far as to use grenade launchers upon the Korean armymen.

The Korean armymen, carrying themselves on their knees by hundreds of metres though riddled with bullets, shot the enemy to death and at the last moment destroyed themselves shouting loudly “Long live respected Comrade Supreme Commander!”

The south Korean media, introducing their letter of pledge discovered later as it were, reported: “The letter expresses the absolute loyalty to their Supreme Commander and the confidence in the triumph of socialism,” and “All who read the last letter to their Supreme Commander trembled.”

A French commentator, commenting about this incident that south Korea would be unable to match a company or battalion of the north Korean “commando”, wrote: “The KPA is a military organization best armed mentally in the world. In no time in the past and nowhere in the world there was such an army where all the officers and men were armed with their leader's ideology.

In 1997 some articles were discovered in the two life belts floating on the sea by fishermen fishing in the West Sea of Korea.

They uncovered many plastic film wrappings of a thing to find the portraits of President Kim Il Sung and leader Kim Jong Il in frames kept damp proof and in another wrapping found a log book of a sideline boat attached to the KPA internal army, which sank by typhoon while on duty and two letters yearning for leader Kim Jong Il.

The letter reads:

"The fishing boat No. 8115 met typhoon on a voyage about 2:00 at the dawn of April the 13th, 1997 and fought to save the boat. While striving singing the song "No Motherland without You"… we found being waterlogged around 4:40 at dawn. We found ourselves in this crisis while going back with the present of labour made with our loyalty for the April 15 (this day is the birthday of President Kim Il Sung called the Day of the Sun), but we will fight to the last believing in the General.

…

We fought to the last moment looking up to the Pyongyang sky and singing the song of the General.

…

Oh, General

4:45 a.m. on the 13th of April, 1997"

Indeed, marvelous!

I would like to take one more example.

There was a report in a Japanese newspaper around February 1999. It reads:

"…Many bodies were found at the coast. Their nationality was unknown. Their bodies knocked about by waves and torn by wild fishes were beyond recognition.

During investigation a barrel made of vinyl and a small package wrapped tight with oiled paper were found in a body. There were surprisingly the portraits of the two leaders the Koreans revere as the heaven… and a letter."

The letter goes:

"Those who would see these articles are desired to

notify our whereabouts and inform that all had fought to the last drop of our blood the way the soldiers of General Kim Jong Il should. …

General Kim Jong Il, our respected Supreme Commander, we wish you good health and long life!

Long live General Kim Jong Il!

Long live thriving nation Juche Korea!

November 11, 1998"

Leaving the portraits completely proof of moisture though adrift for three months on wild vast expanse of water, all aboard the ship died a heroic death yearning for their leader.

A man inevitably meets his end of life and leaves his last behest gathering all his strength. The words contain his latent mentality. At the last moment of their ship sinking into the labyrinth of water all of them braced up their spirits wishing their leader Kim Jong Il health and long life and left the letter of their confidence firmly believing in the bright future of Korea that will thrive. Their act is beyond imagination.

The response "The last of the Korean armymen defending their leader is more shocking than the launch of their satellite" shook the land of Japan.

The army with such a mentality can be found nowhere else.

The KPA is superior not only politically, ideologically, militarily and physically, but also has a mighty self-reliant defense industry beyond imagination.

Therefore, Korea has no mercy to the invaders trespassing their territorial land, waters and air by 0.001mm.

Widely known are the stories about the US spy ship "*Pueblo"*caught on January 23, 1968 while spying after illegally intruding the territorial waters of Korea, the large spy aircraft "EC-121" shot down on April 15, 1969 by a strong strike of the KPA air force, which intruded deep into the territorial air to make reconnaissance and the "Panmunjom Incident", a pre-meditated provocation by the US on August 18, 1976, and etc.

In July 1997 the south Korean army made provocations in the Military Demarcation Line where the military confrontation reached the extreme.

That day the south Korean army made a surprise attack to the KPA soldiers on usual patrol to hurt them and heavily destroy the KPA's post buildings.

The KPA soldiers made immediate counter attacks to punish them without mercy. Their strike was so powerful and resolute that the south Korean army retreated soon and finally made an apology for their act.

As was seen, the KPA is well prepared militarily and politically. They mercilessly punish the invaders when they try to hurt even a tree or a cluster of grass. The "West Sea Incident" in June 1999 is a good testifier of it.

The south Korean forces insisting on the so-called "north boundary line" with the backing of the US enlisted dozens of various ships and made an inroad into the

territorial waters of Korea from June 4 to threaten seriously the safety of the Korean fishermen who were engaging in peaceful fishery and impede their fishing.

What is then the “northern boundary line”?

To make it clear, we have to go back to the Korean Armistice Agreement (KAA) concluded between both warring sides at the end of the Korean war. The KAA stipulates that only five out of the islands in the north and the west on the boundary line between the Hwanghae Province of north Korea and the Kyonggi Province of south Korea are put under the control of the commander of the US-led allied forces. However, the south Korean military, outrageously violating the KAA arrangements and articles, unilaterally drew the line involving the territorial seas belonging to the Korean side, claiming that not only the five islands, but also the seas around the islands belong to them. As was seen, what they call the “northern boundary line” is out-and-out illegal.

However, the south Korean forces, under the aegis of the US military jingoists, made a deliberated plan for executing the “West Sea Operation”, claiming the illegal “north boundary line”.

The operation began with frequent provocations every day from June the 4th. On June the 15th the south Korean forces let off volleys of fire frantically at the KPA naval vessels on usual patrol to protect peaceful fishing boats.

The forces of both sides were quite out of balance at the time.

The south Korean side enlisted two 2,000 t-level destroyers, twenty fast boats, 4,000t-level tank landing vessel and PCEs, supply boats, rescue boats, 40 vessels in all fully ready to action and two self-styled crackerjack naval battalions, while the KPA side had only some ten PCEs on patrol.

However, the KPA navy brought under control the south Korean naval force which was ahead of the game with a surprise preemptive attack at the beginning, yet soon switched over to a counterattack to give a good flailing from the start.

The KPA's first blow made a hole through the heart of the enemy vessel and the second shell shot through the hole to the engine to split the ship by halves at a moment.

The first blow of the Korean navy destroyed two enemy ships and blew out many conning towers.

Within less than half an hour since the start of the battle Korean naval men submerged two enemy vessels, damaged over ten ships and made more than a hundred casualties.

The south Korean force, so hardly beaten, instructed their ships “never try to face the north's PCEs and caution the north's gunboats and AA machineguns”. Then afraid of their crimes and damages being revealed to the world, they drew in all the photographs and video records taken by reporters and cameramen prepared beforehand and banned all the contacts of their officers and men with the outside.

This battle again proved that the Koreans' warnings that Korea would punish without mercy any attempt of the US and its followers to encroach the Korean territorial air, land and sea by 0.00l mm were not an empty word.

A similar incident occurred on June 29, 2002 when the KPA naval force defeated the provocations with a strong fire power to bring home to the invaders that they would only suffer deaths.

One day 2003 Korea's fighters took off into the sky.

They were briefed that a US electronic reconnaissance plane “RC-135”was coming to spy Korea.

The “RC-135”is a latest type called a “King of Sky”. It is equipped with sophisticated electronic and photographic reconnaissance devices and carries experts. It is capable of spying 1,000 km far into the enemy depths.

This spy aircraft always carries US intelligence servicemen and with its base in Japan makes it a routine job to spy Korea.

That day the Korean pursuers chased very close to the enemy aircraft. They approached it as close as 15 ms, maneuvering up and down, right and left and backward and forward to threaten it.

The 22 minutes of pursuit was an acute close combat and hellish confrontation of will with no firing.

The Korean fighters were fully ready to fire the “RC-135” in case it encroaches upon an inch of the Korean territorial air. The frightened spyplane made a hasty circle to make an escape to the Kadena air base in Okinawa,

Japan.

The Americans, so hard put to it, cried: Nobody knows how the Korean aircraft could approach so close unknowingly. We would surely have been dead if they pressed the button. They had an unusual aeronautics.

This incident gave a warning to the US to refrain from sending the “RC-135”for the time being to spy the Korean airspace.

The US air reconnaissance is permanent and covers the world, even its allies no exception. A NATO member state Greece revealed in early 2003 the flight of the US aircraft for espionage in its airspace.

However, no country dares to make a decisive run at it, doing nothing except reproaching the acts of espionage as an infringement of its sovereignty.

Korea alone, going in for the Songun politics, justifiably face the acts of encroachment of its sovereignty.

Korea is a world-level military power with an unrivaled army and powerful self-reliant defense capabilities.

If the US, Japan and south Korea dare to lay hands on an inch of the sacred air, sea or land of Korea the revolutionary armed forces of Korea will take a decisive strong countermeasure to force the invaders lick the dust and achieve the national reunification the Korean nation so much yearned for.

While studying hard the great Songun politics, I was aware of the profundity of the truth comprised in it.

It is too much for me to contain in a few books all of the

Korea's Songun politics which imparts to the progressive people of the world the spirit of defending the nation and the genuine truth of the national prosperity.

I have a plan to write in other book about the Songun politics initiated by leader Kim Jong Il, its successful continuity by the WPK First Secretary Kim Jong Un, another brilliant Paektusan Songun commander, the proud achievements of Korea made under the Songun politics and the miraculous successes accomplished in the construction of an economic power.

4. Songun Moves World

The fervor of Songun in Korea in the Orient diffuses to the world beyond the peninsula.

Songun has been accepted as the most influential trend of the era in carving out the destiny of men. Songun finds response everywhere in the world. Expressing support and praise of it, they set to study it enthusiastically.

Korea's Songun politics praised

Today the world progressive people study the Songun politics of Korea praising it a “great revelation of human political history”.

An end has been put to the era when the great powers lord it over the world.

They find their way out in the courageous struggle of Korea for achieving the denuclearization of the Korean peninsula and peace and prosperity there and increase their voice of praise of Songun Korea.

A noted social activist in our country, expressing his infinite admiration for leader Kim Jong Il, stressed:

“Comrade Kim Jong Il is a rare military strategist and a legend. He put priority to the military affairs out of all other state affairs in all the time of his revolutionary leadership. The annals of his Songun revolutionary leadership are full of the proud achievements in building up an unrivalled

military power and victories in the anti-US, anti-imperialist confrontations with the unique Songun revolutionary leadership. His Songun revolutionary leadership enabled the Korean army and people to defend solidly the sovereignty of the country and push ahead with the socialist cause with a firm conviction. Only victory and glory are in store for the Korean army and people marching ahead with loyalty to the leadership of Comrade Kim Jong Il."

Russian President Putin praised the Songun politics of Korea on an official occasion: "North Korea is now taking initiative in its external policies overwhelming the opposite parties in diplomatic and political negotiations with the great powers. The key to it lies in its having strengthened its military capabilities."

The Chief of General Staff of the Syrian army and armed forces lauded highly the justness and might of the Songun politics: "Syria must put priority to the military out of all the state affairs if she is to restore her land taken away by Israel and defend its territory. To this end, she has to learn from Korea's Songun politics."

The international secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Uruguay pointed out: "Comrade Kim Jong Il directs great concern to improving the mentality of the armymen. The KPA officers and men were brought out into men staunch in ideology and confidence under his leadership. It is widely known how excellent the mentality of the KPA armymen is. We have been struck

with admiration for the dignified Korean People's Army armed with the Juche idea and Songun idea and thoroughly determined to defend the revolutionary HQs death-defying. No formidable enemy can match the KPA men in the ideological and spiritual strength."

The General Secretary of the African Regional Committee for the Friendship and Solidarity with Korea stressed: "There has never been such politics which was so much admired by many people and received the praise from the broad international community as the Songun politics exercised by His Excellency Kim Jong Il. He developed the Songun idea to formulate the Songun politics as a principal mode of socialist politics. The world people feel great admiration for the Korean people who defend firmly the national sovereignty resolutely opposing the US. The praise of the world to the Songun politics of leader Kim Jong Il is voiced ever higher as the days go by. The might of Korea is growing stronger under the immortal Songun politics of His Excellency Kim Jong Il who is devoting his all to the welfare of the Korean people. Glorious will be the proud history and tradition of the Korean revolution started and triumphed by arms."

Palestinian journal "*Illal Amam"* July issue carried an article under the title "Kim Jong Il, His Songun Politics" with his portrait respectfully. The journal wrote to this effect:

Leader Kim Jong Il's Songun leadership is of great significance in the revolutionary history of Korea. He was

born amidst the bloody anti-Japanese armed struggle and grew in the thick of battles. During the Korean war he learned the wisdom and mettle needed to make a brilliant commander by the table for an operational plan. Therefore, he is more aware than anybody else that priority should be put to arms for the destiny and dignity of the nation and peace. The start of his Songun leadership on August 25, 1960 secured a decisive guarantee on which the history and tradition of the Songun leadership be inherited down the generations to come in Korea. The credit goes to his Songun leadership for bringing up the KPA into an unrivalled strong army and making socialist Korea ever victorious. Having decisively foiled the moves of the US self-styling as the "only superpower" to isolate and stifle Korea and firmly defended the sovereignty, dignity and socialist system of the country, the Korean army and people are now making a great stride forward in building a socialist thriving nation.

Particularly many mass media abroad carried articles on the occasion of the anniversary when he started the historical Songun leadership.

Nigerian newspaper "*New Nigerian"* dated August 19 carried an article about the KPA which turned into an invincible army and the Korean revolution which advanced ever-victorious.

Meanwhile, on August 20 the Cambodian "FM 90.5"aired a program about the fact that leader Kim Jong Il started the Songun leadership with his historical on-the-

spot guidance to the KPA Seoul Ryu Kyong Su Guard 105th Tank Division on August 25, 1960 and he strengthened the KPA politically, ideologically and militarily through continued on-spot inspections to the KPA units.

Nepalese newspaper "*Indrei*" dated August 21 reported in detail: The 90s in the last century is of special importance in the Songun leadership of leader Kim Jong Il. He defined the Songun politics as a principal method of socialist politics and put out the KPA as a major force for achieving the socialist cause, which not only safeguards the motherland, but also makes a breakthrough taking charge of the most significant and difficult sectors of the socialist economic construction.

Pakar Udin Choudhuri, chief of the Pakistani Independence Study Association, spoke in a meeting: His Excellency Kim Jong Il held higher the banner of the Songun idea authored by President Kim Il Sung when the imperialist forces grew desperate to stifle Korea at the close of the last century. With his unique Songun politics he resolutely frustrated the imperialists' military threat and challenges and made a breakthrough in building a thriving nation. Today Korea demonstrates grandeur as a powerful socialist power with a strong political and military might and an impregnable anti-imperialist independent fortress.

Anders Kristensen, chairman of the Denmark-DPRK Friendship Society said: With the original Songun politics

exercised by His Excellency Kim Jong Il the Korean army and people have won victory in all fields of the revolution and construction and defended the national dignity and socialism with glory. The triumphant advance of the Korean revolution proves that the Songun politics is an ever-victorious banner. Under the Songun leadership of His Excellency Kim Jong Il the Korean people will tide over all the difficulties and build an excellent socialist thriving nation.

Sunit Chofra, secretary general of the All India-Korea Friendship Society, made a statement on August 24 as follows:

I highly appreciate that the DPRK became a legitimate nuclear state and made a successful launch of an artificial satellite by developing the space technology.

All the measures taken recently by the DPRK are just ones aimed to frustrate all the challenges made by the imperialists and their followers in the international arena and defend its dignity as a legitimate member state of the international community.

Stendra Sing, secretary general of India Youth Group for the Study of Comrade Kim Il Sung's Works, stressed in a lecture under the title “Making the army into a main force in achieving the socialist cause”: His Excellency Kim Jong Il put up the army as a main force in achieving the socialist cause and strengthened it from the day of 1960 till today. He brought up the army into an important political force propelling the socialist cause, a fighting rank defending

the socialist cause reliably and a powerful revolutionary force leading the overall socialist construction. The socialist cause of Korea pushed by the army will always be victorious, he stressed.

Korea chose to possess nuclear arms for defending the dignity and sovereignty of the country.

A Brazilian newspaper carried an article titled “DPRK Answers Hostile Acts of US with Strengthening of Nuclear Deterrence”

In the subtitle “Korea and Nuclear Deterrence” it said that the world has nothing to hope for from the present US President because of the build-up of tension no different from the one of the Bush administration. Then it exposed in detail about the fact that the US egged on the UNSC to adopt a “decision of sanction” against Korea, had started the Korean war (1950 to 1953) to give the Korean people misfortune and disaster, deployed many troops and nuclear weapons in south Korea and annulled the Korea-US Agreed Framework and went on:

The decision of Korea to increase the nuclear deterrence is a matter concerned with the national sovereignty and right to live.

Korea has been subject to the invasions of Japan and the United States historically and today too is under a threat of new invasion.

If the United States is to build a world free of nuclear weapons, it ought to ratify the comprehensive nuclear test ban treaty, conclude a peace accord with Korea and

withdraw its troops from south Korea."

Under another subtitle" Korea answers UNSC 'decision': It will regard any blockade as act of war" it expressed in detail the US nuclear ambition and outlined the DPRK Foreign Ministry statement dated June 13, 2009.

A Cambodian radio put on the air on June 25 as follows:

"June 25 fifty years before the Korean war started. After three years war the Korean Armistice Agreement was reached.

However, in the Korean peninsula a "vulnerable status of peace" continues for more than half a century.

The recent nuclear problem in the Korean peninsula emerged when the United States shipped in nuclear weapons to south Korea from January 1958.

The US keeps permanently tremendous nuclear forces in Okinawa, Japan and around the Korean peninsula.

The nuclear weapons of the US aim at the DPRK.

The US has continued to threaten Korea with large-scale war exercises.

In particular, the Bush administration named Korea for a preemptive nuclear target and openly announced that it could attack Korea with nuclear weapons though Korea does not go nuclear or attack the US with nuclear weapons.

The fact shows that the nuclear problem in the Korean peninsula is rooted from first to last in the nuclear threat of the US to Korea.

Korea kept to desire the denuclearization of the Korean peninsula, held fast to it and made strenuous efforts for its realization.

It suggested initiatives and reasonable proposals and led the situation to the solution of the problem.

However, all their efforts came to grief.

Recently Korea made the second nuclear test.

Approve or not, Korea's status of a nuclear state is widely recognized.

Korea did not want, but was pushed to go nuclear in order to defend the national dignity and sovereignty."

The German DPA reported that the former IAEA Director General L. Baradei claimed to face up to the reality that Korea has nuclear weapons, and the USTV Fox commented that the world intelligence agencies and military experts agree that Korea is a fully-fledged nuclear state. The switchover of their approach from the nuclear development plan of Korea to its full nuclear status is of a great import.

Thai paper "*Asian News Network*" reported with a title "New nuclear state": Korea possessed of nuclear weapons, obtained a capability to ruin the regional US bases to ashes. Korea's status of nuclear state suddenly changed the north-south relations and the political situation of the region. British "*The Times*" reported under a headline "North Korea a fully-fledged nuclear state" that the universal consensus of seeing Korea as a full nuclear state is increasing as the days go by.

As mentioned above, the Songun politics of Korea gets great laudation of progressive mankind and energetically progress along the way.

The compliment of it yields many followers.

In Bangladesh those who study the Songun politics number 10,000. Soon other 10,000 personages of all circles in a hundred countries will be involved in the Songun Politics Study Organizations in an active liaison with the Association for the Friendship with Korea which has its HQs in Spain.

We also started a 10,000 signature collecting campaign in Bangladesh. A work to set up the "International Centre for Study of Songun" is actively under way and the lot of the centre has already been secured.

An international federation of the East European and Central Asian Juche Idea and Songun Politics Study Associations was formed in St. Petersburg, Russia.

The federation consists of ten organizations in 8 countries and regions.

Present in the ceremony of the formation were the leading officials and members from the Songun Politics Study Groups in Russia, Ukraine, Byelorussia, Moldova, Poland, Kazakhstan and other countries and regions.

Messages were read from the International Juche Idea Institute and the European Juche Idea Study Association, which were followed by the congratulatory speeches.

A report and speeches were made with the titles

“Strategy and tactics of the East European and Central Asian Juche Idea and Songun Politics Study Associations”, “On principal viewpoint of the Juche idea and Songun politics”, and “Let us fight under the banner of the Songun and independence for the global independence”.

The reporter and speakers unanimously emphasized that the Juche idea and the Songun politics are a unique guideline in the present situation where the imperialists' strong-arm policy, invasions and interventions become ever more blatant. They also put a stress on the importance to form the international federation mentioned above and coordinate its activities and more actively and organizationally study and disseminate the Juche idea and the Songun politics.

Elected to the General Secretary of the federation was Mikhail Panchenko, chairman of the Russian Youth Association for the Study of the Songun Politics.

The participants approved the rules of the federation consisting in six chapters and decided to publish a journal “Songun Banner” with a view to informing the activities on a regular basis to the member organizations of the International Juche Idea Federation and League.

I visited Korea in April 2007 on the occasion of the Day of the Sun, the birth anniversary of great President Kim Il Sung.

I have a story to tell.

One day I heard a call in my room. A voice of a Japanese girl rang from the receiver.

With greetings she asked me if I was Mr. Jahangir from Bangladesh, and said me wanted by Mr. Ogami Ghengichi.

I readily said her to connect him.

He suggested me frankly to join the work of the International Juche Idea Institute.

I accepted his suggestion pleasantly because the Juche idea and the Songun idea are closely related with each other. However, I could not yet start a direct cooperation. Of course, there have been a few correspondences between us.

I had also a sincere discussion about the problem of the reunification with Juan Jose Leon Vega, chairman of the Cuban Committee for Support of Korea's Reunification and vice-chairman of the Latin American Committee for Support of Korea's Reunification. I informed him of the launch in Bangladesh of the 10,000 signature collecting campaign and the collection of 2,800 signatures in 1982.

I also had a deep discussion with the delegation from Italy, Norway, Austria and Nepal about the methods to promote the study and support of the Songun politics.

Taken part in the seminar held in the Koryo Hotel in Pyongyang were Manik Lama, chief of the Nepal's Association for Support of the Songun Politics, Prof. and Dr. Masimo Juckhet, Italian Politenico di Torino University, Thomas Loch, Austrian chairman of the Comrade Kim Jong Il's Juche Idea Study Group and others. The seminar debated my suggestion on the formation of the International Forum for

the Global Independence.

All the heads of the delegations present approved a decision on convening a meeting in Nepal within three months to strengthen the debates of various issues.

In 2008 our delegation visited Iran to hold a meeting on the Songun solidarity in Jiba Hotel in Teheran.

Present there were Mohammed Ramin Padika, deputy chairman of the National Council of Cote d'I voire Republic and Mashar Suhal, Syrian TV reporter, who gave whole-hearted support to our suggestion.

In 2009 too our delegation of the Bangladeshi Songun Politics Study Group visited Korea. During the stay we had a sincere discussion with Dr. Harish Gupta, General Secretary of the Asian Region Juche Idea Institute about the Juche idea and the Songun politics.

I told him to this effect:

In 1982 I organized the Barisal Group for Study of Comrade Kim Il Sung's Works and read attentively 20 works by Comrade Kim Il Sung to implement the Juche idea for the purpose of increasing agricultural production. With the result, the Barisal irrigation project assisted by the World Bank changed and eight sub-distracts introduced the Juche farming method with success.

We shared views in the talk with Dr. Shaber Baloul, professor of the international economics and head of the international economics department of the Syrian Dimaskcus University and Barakt Ulla, reporter and vice-chief of Karachi-Korea Friendship Association and made

a sign in the agreement of the Songun study and had a sincere talk with Anatoli Kulkov, first secretary of the Russian Youth League and Dr. Bat Erdene, director of the Mongolian Cultural Institute.

We held in Barisal an international Songun study conference involving 5.000 Songun supporters. Invited there as a special guest was Alejandro Cao Venos, international chairman of the Association for Friendship with Korea headquartered in Spain.

Present there were Jabed Ansari, chairman of the Pakistan-Korea Friendship Association and advocate of Jamiluddin Berney of Pakistan-Korea Friendship Association, Vipin Gupta, chairman of the India Juche Philosophy Study Committee, Subashi Kaji Shiresa, chairman of the Self-reliance Study Forum and chairman of the Nepalese Committee for the Support of the Korea's Reunification, Cuban delegate and the DPRK delegate.

After the international conference we have also had a sincere discussion for the study and dissemination of the Songun politics and its vitalization. Naturally we had a consensus of views.

I distributed the book “Songun International” written and compiled by me to A. Duminduwadane, general secretary of the Sri Lankar-Korea Friendship Association, Le Masaji, emeritus professor of the Foreign Studies University, Kobe city, Japan and Egyptian engineer Moataz el Hepnawy.

Afterwards we organized visits to India, Nepal, Cuba,

Russia and Egypt to have a seminar for the mutual exchange of experiences. We wanted to congratulate Comrade Kim Jong Un, the sun of the Songun leadership, for his being awarded marshalship. We millions of international Songun followers will always stand behind him, a wise leader. Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un has been recognized worldwide as the honour of the world and pillar of the Songun.

Toward multi-polarization instead of unipolarization!

Today the world is moving toward the multi-polarization despite an unprecedented desperation of the US to unipolarize the world.

I am sure the world definitely goes to the multi-polarization.

The United States made a great fortune in the World War Two. In the latter half of the past century it initiated the cold war with a view to destroying socialism, taking advantage of its monopolistic position in the capitalist world.

With the end of the cold war the world was faced with a challenge: multi- or uni-polarization.

The US was undisguised in its move to the unipolarization

The end of the cold war revealed many contradictions hidden long behind the curtain.

The world was plunged in a chaos in the waves of the

“multi-party system” forced by the West. In many countries which accepted the “multi-party system” without any consideration of their own practical conditions such as their own historical circumstances and economic conditions, the contradiction and antagonism aggravated to conflicts.

The US took advantage of this situation favourable for achieving its ambition for the world supremacy.

At the end of the cold war the US, styling itself as the “only superpower,” ran wild to unipolarize the world. From the early 90s of the last century they jumped for joy loudly hyping the advent of the “era of globalization” and went in full force to bring it into reality.

Then, what is on earth the so-called “globalization” they advocated so much?

To put a long story short, it is meant by making all the nations Americanized. All they have done under the “globalization” were nothing but acts of outright interventions and war acts to other countries.

In the new century the US was more frantic to establish an order by which all the countries were made obedient to their demand and intention.

After the conquering of Iraq by force of arms, it was addicted to extremely insolent “mentality” of what we say goes and are immune from punishment for any illegalities.

Styling itself as a “judge” possessed of a “moral standard” by which it alone can decide right or wrong, it is justifying its acts of invasions and interventions disastrous

to other nations for “keeping justice, human rights and democracy”.

Its maneuvers for the missile defense system also belong to its unipolarization strategy.

The same is also its act for the militarization of the space. Its frenzy to take military supremacy over the peaceful space boils down to its ambition of unipolarization.

Its reckless policy for hegemony gravely threatens or destroys world peace and security causing anxiety of mankind.

As the facts show, the unipolarization creates graver hindrance and danger to the cause of independence of the world than the bipolarization. The great danger of the US acts for unipolarization lies in making the whole planet its target beyond the bounds of several countries, regions or continents.

If mankind tolerates the US acts for the unipolarization, they will have the basis of the international law undermined and suffer unprecedented distress, misfortune and disaster, to say nothing of the civilization. The hard fact tells them that it is an urgent challenge for them to make every effort to ward off the arbitrariness, policy for hegemony and unipolarization strategy of the US.

Now the moves opposing the unipolarization strategy of the US are growing salient attracting the attention of the people.

The multipolaization is an inevitable requirement for bringing into reality the cause of global independence and a main tendency of the present time. This is the age of independence when the world people oppose all sorts of domination and intervention and desire to live in an independent manner. Independence is vital to the life of not only men but also a nation and further all the mankind.

No nation wants a unipolarized world where a specific power would have a free hand and put others at its beck and call.

The contradictions and feuds between the United States and other great powers are being surfaced.

The great powers openly challenge the US which grows insolent.

They have a great complaint that the US moves arbitrarily for hegemony, looking down upon them.

After the end of the cold war the US and Russia advocated “strategical partnership”. However, as the time passes by, the relationship between them is gradually cooling down in the face of the increasing arbitrariness and hegemonism on the part of the US.

The repulsion of Russia has never been so stronger than today.

Russia answered the US moves for establishing the missile defense system in East Europe with resolute military countermeasures. The confrontation between them concerning the South Ossedian situation is aggravating extremely. It is not unforeseen that the world

opinion comments that the Russia-US relationship is plunging in another cold war phase.

Today the EU member states too are trying to get out of the control of the US after unifying the Europe and aspire after making another pole to go their own way. The EU, being an independent community, is trying to excel the US in the military and economic fields and shun and contain the attempt of the US for the unipolarization and demand the multipolarization of the world.

Another point noteworthy in the multipolarization trends is the move of the developing countries.

At present the developing countries have emerged as a considerable powerful being in the international arena with their strong unity and cooperation and concerted action and play a great role in accelerating the multipolarization of the world. African countries are trying to unite themselves with a firm belief that the prospect of the development of the continent depends on them and making active efforts to achieve the progress and prosperity of the continent.

The Latin American countries take concerted action in the struggle for opposing the aggressive and interventionist policy of the US to Latin America.

Noteworthy is that countries are going after the regional integration and merger while strengthening the political, economic and military ties between them.

The regional organizations like the ASEAN which had been cooperating mainly for economic purposes are now

going towards strengthening their unity and cooperation of a high level in political and military aspects.

Voices are increasing for the democratization of the UN so as to prevent certain countries from having exclusive prerogatives in the UN.

The increasing global demand for the democratization of the international community and the multipolarization of the world is a law-governed natural process of the historical development toward the independence.

The ever-increasing trend of the global multipolarization not only lends an impetus to the new fair international order and the global independence, but also accelerates the international isolation of the US and its final doom. The hard fact shows that no force on earth can check the trend of the global multipolarization.

Seeing Songun Korea which is gaining supremacy over the US in the van of the world politics and bringing about peace and prosperity, the world progressive people are witnessing the invincible vitality of the Songun politics and speaking highly that the Songun politics is the most powerful mode of socialist politics.

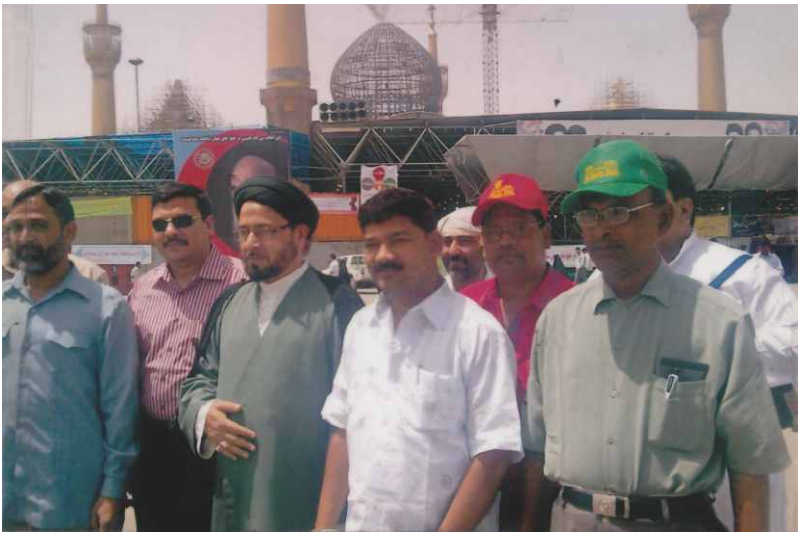
The aspiration of the world peace-loving people after the earth free from a war and secured of peace and prosperity will not be attained until the song of *Songun Internationale* echo highly throughout this planet.

August 2014 in Dhaka

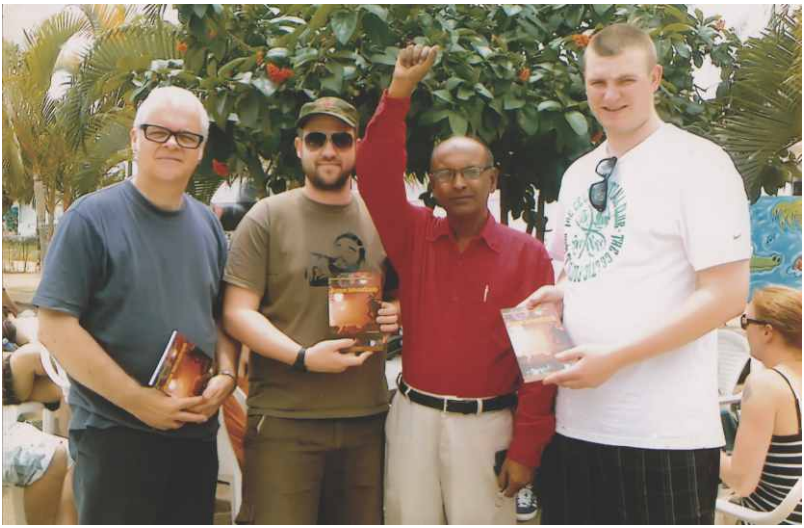
The delegation of Bangladesh Group for Songun Study visiting Mangyongde, birth place of President Kim Il Sung

Songun Study Group leaders from Italy, Austria, Nepal and Bangladesh seen after a meeting of Global Songun Study in Koryo Hotel, Pyongyang

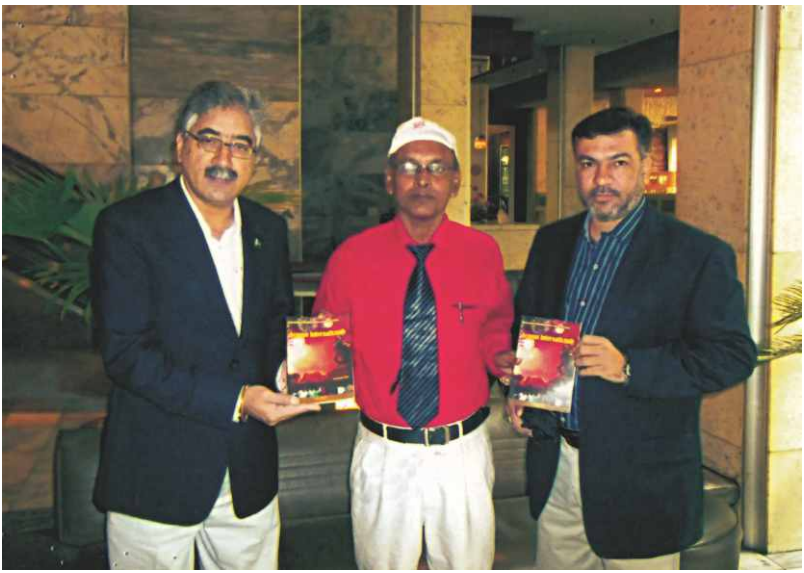
A Russian Journalist with the book 'Songun Iternationale' in Moscow



Songun Study Group Members in Tehran, Iran.



The members of British Solidarity Campaign Group praising the Songun idea in Havana



Amar Jeet Malhotra , member Senate of Pakistan and another Songun Study Group leader with the book ' Songun Internationale'

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Nepalese Songun Study Group leaders with the banner of Global Songun Study

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